

Arts groups welcome plans for new £8.8million theatre

ART groups in Dorchester have welcomed an announcement that a new arts centre at the Maltings now looks more likely to go ahead.

Plans and costings have been prepared for the former Eldridge Pope building in the corner of Brewery Square with the group behind the bid now saying they hope to open in 2020.

The £8.8million project will include a theatre and a new arts centre with a 450-seat main auditorium and a 100-seat 'studio'.

Both Dorchester Youth Theatre and the New Thomas Hardy Players have this week welcomed the development.

A public meeting is being held in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday, February 15th, at 6pm, to give local community groups, businesses and the public the chance to discuss the project.

Dorchester Youth Theatre (DYT), are regular users of the Corn Exchange, but welcome the opportunity of being able to perform in a purpose built venue.

Said Carol Burgess, Chair of DYT: "The move from Dorchester Arts Centre in 2015 to the Corn Exchange has been beneficial to us, but we still lack storage space for set and props, and of course

by Trevor Bevins

there is no proper backstage area which can limit the type of production we put on.

"We welcome a venue which can give our young people maximum opportunities to develop their creative talents, and of course be able to watch a wider range of professional performances locally."

In the past Dorchester Youth Theatre have worked with professional touring company, Angel Exit and have also performed at Poole Lighthouse, Theatre Royal Plymouth and were in the final ten

companies selected from hundreds across the UK, to perform at the National Theatre in London as part of its Connections Festival in 2013.

Jo Simons, Artistic Director of DYT is excited about the prospect of the new theatre: "The new venue will offer not only a large auditorium, but with the added studio facility, more flexibility for DYT to do smaller performances and showcases, which would be brilliant. And of course there may be the opportunity for some of the young people to gain experience working or volunteering in a

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DAMIEN Weston has had a complete change in life – going from high tech to relatively low tech... from selling mobile phones to becoming a chimney sweep and installing wood burning stoves.

He was born in Exeter, lived in Okehampton but has spent most of his adult life in and around Dorchester with his wife and two children.

He came to the county town when his dad landed a job as an environmental health officer at West Dorset District Council.

Damien himself has had other jobs – including working in Dorchester Prison and in the Verne on Portland – and alongside his chimney sweeping helps out, when needed, with his wife's new wool shop which has just opened in Durngate Street, Dorchester, an off shoot from a similar shop she and her sister run in Cullompton.

● **I GUESS everyone thinks chimney sweeping is only a winter job?**

Not really, I've got enough work throughout the year although it's true that from August onwards lots of people start thinking about the winter months, getting their chimneys swept, or installing wood burning stoves which have become very popular.

● **HOW did you get into it?**

I was getting a bit of a moral dilemma about trying to sell people mobile phones and everything which goes along with that when my step-brother, who install stoves, said he needed a bit of help. He said it would also be useful to be a chimney sweep because you need to sweep a chimney before an installation – so I did a course in Maidstone and two days later, newly qualified, bought the kit.

● **APART from soot, have you found other things up chimneys?**

You often find nests, or bits of nests. I've found lots of shiny objects which are dropped by magpies or jays, I even found a whole piece of dried toast up one, which I presume had been dropped by a bird, but the oddest of all was up to a 100 mummified jackdaws...



■ **DAMIEN Weston** sweeping a chimney from the top down

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● **DO PEOPLE worry about the mess you might make?**

They do, but most of the time is spent making sure that doesn't happen. I cover everything over and tape up fireplaces so we don't get soot everywhere. I would soon be out of work if I didn't do that?

● **DO YOU think you'll ever run out of chimneys to sweep?**

I doubt it – they told us on the course there are an estimated 75million chimneys in Britain, so there should be enough to go round.

● **AND when you are not sweeping chimneys what do you like to do?**

I did media production at Weymouth College when I left Thomas Hardy School so I still like to dabble in making films, but these days mainly with my son who also has an interest. I also like photography – landscapes, wildlife, street photography. I'm still into music. When I was younger my brother was in a band and as a teenager I used to go on tour with him and his mates in a minibus. I can play the guitar and drums and a bit of harmonica, and still like to go to see bands, and maybe one festival a year. I prefer heavy metal but I also like rock and listen to quite a lot of folk music as well.

The job keeps me pretty active but I still like to do a bit of bodyboarding when I can.

● **DO YOU have a claim to fame?**

I was quite good at basketball at Thomas Hardy and generally liked sport. I bumped into my old PE teacher the other day and he tells me that my school record for shot put has still not been broken. I think I won that every year.

● **YOU'VE spent a lifetime in Dorset, are you ever likely to leave?**

Who knows, I doubt it, I like the countryside and the peace and quiet. I've recently returned from the Alps, snowboarding, and they're magnificent but there is something about Dorset that makes me appreciate it here.

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Police seek witnesses after driver fails to stop following collision

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a fail-to-stop collision in Dorchester.

The incident happened at around 5pm on Friday, February 3rd at the junction of the A35 and the A352 turning off Wareham.

A black Peugeot 207 was in collision with a black Ford Mondeo. The Mondeo failed to stop at the scene.

The female driver of the Peugeot was uninjured, however, the vehicle suffered significant damage and cannot be driven.

Police Constable Tim Gooding, of the traffic unit, said: "I am appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision or is aware of a Mondeo that has recently sustained damage to come forward."

"I would also ask that the driver of the Mondeo makes themselves known to police so they can assist with the investigation."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email

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■ PLANS for the new Maltings Arts Centre (below to current Maltings building)

Plans for new arts centre unveiled

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performing arts venue too."

Andy Worth, chair of the New Hardy Players gave a similar welcome to the project: "I have no doubt that The Maltings will create a welcome boost to many local theatrical and community groups. Having a space with modern performance, rehearsal, technical, and hosting facilities, set in a traditional environment can only add to the opportunities available for conference, exhibition, theatre, music, and dance in Dorchester. Speaking for the New Hardy Players, The Maltings will offer us another means to explore even more ways of presenting Thomas Hardy's remarkable writing."

"I would like to see the project include facilities for other forms of expression too. These might include initiatives that aim to increase the sense of community in our ever expanding town and surrounds."

"Hardy highlighted the benefits and failings of changing times in many of his works, I am quite sure that he would have been as delighted as I am by this exciting and new direction for our fast developing county town."

Over the past few months Dorchester Arts and the Maltings Arts (the charitable body set up to plan and run the new facil-

ity) have been working with architects Haworth Tompkins, theatre design specialists Charcoalblue and a team of arts consultants to create a new cost-effective and financially viable plan for the site.

"The existing plans had been on the table for some years, ever since the developers at Brewery Square had the vision to incorporate an arts facility into their plans," said Mark Tattersall, Artistic Director of Dorchester Arts.

"Though they were perfectly reasonable at the time they were put forward, the design of arts venues has moved on quite a lot, and at the same time arts organisations are having to design facilities that are almost entirely financially self-sustaining. The team we have been working with are amazing and we are confident that no better or more cost-effective solution will be found to providing the county town with the arts venue it so badly needs."

Dorchester Town Council, West Dorset District Council and the Duchy of Cornwall supported the creation of the new plans and the team at the Maltings Arts have recently taken key stakeholders on site tours to show them how the new plan



would work in reality.

An application has been submitted to WDDC for a share of the Section 106 funds built up mainly by the development of Poundbury. If granted this would represent approximately 10 per cent of the combined budget for the arts facility and the commercial annexe, and is likely to unlock many other sources of funding.

The Maltings Arts have already had preliminary discussions with other possible funders, including Arts Council England, and Mark Tattersall said: "Securing the initial funding for projects like this is often the hardest part, but once we can show that some money has been committed to it we are very confident that others will follow."

Mental health beds under review

FIFTEEN mental health beds in Weymouth could be moved to the east of the county under a proposed review.

But local campaigners are lobbying for the beds to be moved to Dorchester, instead, arguing that the county town is more centrally placed to provide a service.

The beds proposed for the move are at the Linden Unit, part of Westhaven Hospital on Radipole Lane, Weymouth.

The consultation document says the county is not "meeting the needs" as well as it could.

It says part of the solution could be adding 16 acute inpatient beds to the system, 12 at St Ann's hospital in Poole and four at Forston Clinic at Charlton Down, north of Dorchester.

Paul French, Local GP and clinical lead for mental health and learning disabilities with NHS Dorset CCG, said he believes the proposed changes would help to match demand with services.

"Over the coming weeks I would encourage everyone who has either used mental health services, knows someone who has, or simply has a view, to find out more and have their say."

Simon Williams from The Hughes Unit

By Trevor Bevens

Group Supporters (HUGS), said that less than four in ten inpatients for the Linden Unit come from the Weymouth area.

He says that Dorchester might be a better location for at least some of the beds if they were to be closed.

Healthwatch Dorset chair Joyce Guest welcomed the public consultation and is urging people, whether or not affected by mental health issues, to look at the consultation document and contribute to the review.

She said: "This public consultation on acute mental health services has been a long time coming. Local people have been asking us how the NHS in Dorset can carry out their current review of health services without including mental health, so it's good to see this public consultation launch."

"Local people tell us that mental health crisis care in Dorset is at breaking point and currently people find themselves without the help and support they need when they're at their most vulnerable."

"The NHS in Dorset needs to make some major improvements to mental health ser-

vices and this is your chance to influence those plans.

"We urge everyone to have a look at the proposals and make your views known. One in four of us experience mental health problems and many more of us know and care for people who do, so access to these services affects us all. Please take this opportunity to have your say."

A number of drop-in consultation events are being planned for Weymouth, Dorchester and Bridport.

The first of these will be held on February 14th from 11am until 5pm at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester.

The Weymouth event is planned for February 24th, 11am-5pm, at Weymouth Library in Great George Street; followed by a second Dorchester meeting on February 25th, 11am-4pm, at Dorford Baptist Church and then the Bridport meeting on March 3rd, 11am-7pm at the town hall.

Copies of the consultation document are available at local GP surgery, any community mental health team office or local libraries.

You can see the proposals and complete the questionnaire to give your views online at: www.mh.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk.

Lambs found decapitated

POLICE are appealing for information after two lambs were decapitated on farmland to the east of Dorchester.

A headless two-month old lamb was discovered on the morning of Tuesday, January 31st.

A second lamb was found decapitated in a similar location the following morning, Wednesday, February 1st.

It is believed the animals were beheaded using a sharp blade.

Police Constable Claire Dinsdale, of Dorset Police's Rural Crime Team, said: "The type of injury caused to the lambs is not consistent with them being attacked by predators. We believe someone has purposely decapitated these animals."

"This is a shocking but thankfully rare event."

"I would appeal to anyone who has information about the culprits or has seen anything suspicious that could relate to these incidents to please contact Dorset Police or call Crimestoppers anonymously."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55170015569.

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Further bus cuts to impact on rural areas

FURTHER cuts to bus subsidies will have a devastating effect on rural areas – according to a Dorchester councillor.

Councillor Andy Canning says that the county council announced that it is cutting the number of bus services that it supports from 35 down to just seven, which he says is “a disgrace”.

“This will have a devastating effect on everyone who doesn't have access to a car,” says Councillor Canning, Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesman and county councillor.

“It will increase isolation as those on low incomes, poor mobility and the elderly, who live anywhere that isn't close to a town centre, will become stranded in their homes. How are people to get food, to do their shopping or get to the doctors or the hospital? Some may be able to rely on family or friends some of the time, but many others will not.”

Unviable

Councillor Canning has said that the bus services will come to an end on July 22nd and, while some may be taken on by an operator, most were financially unviable and would stop. Bus routes facing the axe include the numbers 1, 2 and 6 town services in Dorchester; the 211 Poundbury to Weymouth bus; the 212 between Dorchester and Yeovil; the 307 between Dorchester and Stalbridge; the 311 Dorchester to Blandford; the 101 between Crossways, Broadmayne and Dorchester.

Elsewhere the 44 between West Bay and Bridport will be affected; the 71 Lyme Regis town service; the 73 between Powstock and Bridport; the 210 between Litton Cheney and Bridport and the 74 between Sherborne, Yetminster and Yeovil.

Councillor Canning has launched an online petition against the changes - www.west-dorset-lib-dems.org.uk

He says he will also be working with effected parish councils and bus users to challenge the whole process.



COUNCILLOR Andy Canning from Dorchester – campaigning against more bus route cuts

by Trevor Bevin

“These cuts are going too far and are not in the interests of Dorset residents,” argues Councillor Canning.

Sustainable network

Dorset County Council's cabinet member for environment, highways and infrastructure, Councillor Peter Finney, said: “As agreed by the county council last year, we need to save a further £1.85million from our public and schools transport budget in 2017/18 on top of the £500,000 saved from our subsidised bus routes in 2016/17.

“We have carried out a wide-ranging review of services in order to get the best possible outcome for local people within the available funding.

“Our approach aims to develop a sustainable transport network for Dorset by prioritising the remaining subsidy on routes that serve the most people and contribute the most to Dorset's economy.

“This is built on a core network of town to town routes that serve around 80 per cent of the population.

“We will encourage operators to open up many more school routes to the public, helping those over 16 get to education and rural residents to access market towns.

“We intend to link special school

and adult social care transport in a way that makes best use of our own buses and means they can be used by the community when running to and from schools and day centres.

“We are continuing to encourage the development of more community based transport schemes for social and leisure purposes.

“We developed a toolkit and offered grants for community groups to start their own transport schemes, which have led to a number of successful start-ups and a lot of interest from communities.

“We will also work closely with operators to run rural ‘in-fill’ services between school opening and closing times, making use of empty vehicles travelling to and from schools services.

“A comprehensive consultation between May and July 2016 received 2,605 responses. Of these, 54 per cent agreed with this approach compared with 27 per cent who disagreed.”

Andrew Wickham, managing director at Damory – which run services 44, 210, 71, 74, 101, 211, 212, 307 and 311 – said: “The contract we have with Dorset County Council to run these services is due to end before the proposed changes take place.

“We understand how important local buses are for those living in the county and will work with the local authority to ensure the best possible outcome for all concerned.

“The number of passengers travelling with us on some of these journeys is currently very low – too low for us to be able to cover the costs of the operation without external funding.

“We are completely sympathetic with our passengers along these routes, and we understand the financial restraints faced by Dorset County Council. “We will do everything possible to ensure the most vital services here are maintained.”

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Nine businesses suffer break-ins

A LACK of closed circuit television in Dorchester may have contributed to a mini crime wave when nine businesses were broken into.

The town does have the cameras – but they are usually not monitored because of the costs. Dorchester BID chief officer Phil Gordon is urging traders to fit their own cameras which he says, compared to the cost of losses and repairs, makes buying a system financially viable.

He is meeting with the town's police community support team to see what else can be done to help increase security.

He said that over the years the town had not suffered badly from crime, compared to other areas.

Said a police spokesman: "We would like to reassure the public in Dorchester that we are making active enquiries to identify and locate the offenders."

"We would ask the public to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to police."

In most of the break-ins the only thing taken was cash, including an RSPCA charity box from the Body Shop, where the break-in took place at around 6.45pm.

The break-ins happened between Tuesday, January 17th and Tuesday, January 24th.

The victims included a business unit at Burraton Square, The Oak Rooms in Antelope Walk, Walnut Grove Café on Durngate Street; Toni and Guy the corner of South Street and Durngate Street. Other victims were Mystique in Antelope Walk and the Potters Café also in Durngate Street and a phone shop in South Street.

The Cornershop in Challacombe Square, Poundbury also had cash stolen as well as two bottles of spirits.

School site to become car park

DAMERS School is to become a car park for Dorset County Hospital when it closes and pupils move to their new school at Poundbury.

The NHS Foundation Trust is expected to take ownership of the school site in April 2017.

It says that in the short term it will use the site to create additional staff parking spaces to ease pressure on the hospital car parks and free up more spaces for patient and visitor use.

The trust is also looking at using the existing school building on an interim basis to free up office space on the hospital site.

The Grove Pre-school Playgroup will remain where it is on the school site for now and the trust is keen to keep the nursery on site as part of any future plans.

Options for the longer term use of the site are currently being worked through. The trust proposes mixed use for the site for healthcare provision and commercial

use. Any commercial ventures will be aimed at generating income for the trust which can be used to support and improve patient services.

The trust's Director of Strategy and Business Development Nick Johnson said: "We are very excited to take ownership of the Damers site as it provides us with a once in a generation opportunity. We want to use the site to help us improve the patient experience, improve performance and generate income streams to contribute to the ongoing sustainability and success of the trust."

"We are currently exploring options for funding the development of the site and have commenced a process to select a development partner and we will be working collaboratively with local authorities and community groups to ensure any proposals are sensitive to local needs."

"We will engage with staff and the wider public about any proposals as the plans develop."



■ VOLUNTEER mentors are being recruited at Wey Valley School in Weymouth as part of the Raising Aspirations programme.

The project is backed by the Dorset Community Foundation, a local charity raising funds for those most in need. Launched in 2015, the programme matches volunteer mentors to pupils from the school with the aim to raise aspirations and positively impact on attendance and educational attainment.

The Dorset Community Foundation launched the scheme with the backing of the Goldsmiths Foundation in Weymouth as the area is one of the most disadvantaged in Dorset, and due to poor transport links and seasonal trade, many young people struggle to continue their education or find a job after they leave school.

Man spotted in gardens

DORCHESTER police are appealing for more information about a man seen looking into gardens in the Castle Park area.

It follows a number of break-ins throughout the town where burglars have gained entry via rear patio doors.

The man is described as being tall and skinny, with short balding brown hair, facial stubble, glasses, and wearing a green trench coat. He is also described as very scruffy. When someone challenged him last week he disappeared into the alleyways near Brutus Close.

If anyone has any information please contact Dorset Police on 101 quoting occurrence number 55170017348 or contact the team via email: Dorchestertown-NPT@Dorset.pnn.police.uk

'Anything accordion'

LOCAL resident Clive Wheeler is organising an 'anything accordion' evening at the Victoria Inn in Chickerell on Friday, February 17th at 7pm.

It is a get together for accordion enthusiasts to chat, play, listen or socialise and either bring their own instrument or try one of Clive's eight accordions.

For more information call Clive on 07758 134593.

Reverend to give talk

THE Reverend Giles Fraser, former Canon of St Paul's at the time of the Occupy protest, BBC Moral Maze panellist and Guardian 'Loose Canon' columnist, is coming to Dorchester to speak.

He will be at the town hall on March 10th as guest of the Verne Visitors Group, volunteers who go into the Verne as lay visitors of those held in detention.

Ticket information for the evening event will be released next week.



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Plan to accelerate home building

WEST Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council have started a programme which aims to encourage more home building and at a faster pace.

The councils, together with North Dorset District Council plan to enable building 20,000 additional homes by 2033. The target is part of the Western Dorset Growth Strategy and will be monitored by council members.

The councils are already actively working with private sector developers, housing associations and landowners to promote housing development and want to see more quality homes built quicker. Housing development is enabled through Local Plans and the council's Development Management teams. Examples extend from Gillingham, Littlemoor and Vearse Farm in Bridport to the former Hardy Complex and Brewers Quay in Weymouth.

West Dorset District Council, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and North Dorset District Council, will benefit from £2m to support community land trusts.

Cllr Gill Taylor, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Briefholder for Housing, said: "The council is taking a very proactive approach to housing, this is not only houses to rent but to purchase. We need more affordable houses in the social sector as there are many residents on our housing register.

"We are also aware that there are many residents in the Borough who are in rented accommodation or living with relatives who would prefer to purchase. The council can have a role here as well. Housing is linked to economic development and this is about the long term sustainability of the area, people need to be able to live and thrive in the area to promote the economy."

Cllr Tim Yarker West Dorset District Council's Executive Portfolio Holder for Housing, said: "Building the right number of new homes in the right places is key to maintaining the economic vibrancy of West Dorset."

46 affordable new homes completed at Pemberly

A RIBBON-cutting ceremony has marked the completion of 46 affordable homes for local people in Pemberly, a new development in Littlemoor, near Weymouth.

The completion coincides with the publication of Home Truths 2016/2017, the National Housing Federation's (NHF) annual report on the state of England's housing market which shows the cost of a home in Dorset is now almost 12.2 times the average local salary, and typical rents more than a third of local workers' take-home pay. The report reveals Dorset to be one of the most expensive places to live in the South West with the average house price now £295,202.

Stonewater executive director for development, Jonathan Layzell, said: "We hope our new Pemberly development will go some way towards helping tackle the shortage of affordable housing in the area, particularly the availability of good-quality low-cost rental homes at a price people in different financial circumstances can realistically afford. Last year housing associations were responsible for almost a third of all new affordable homes built in England, making a significant contribution to tackling the housing crisis and helping the Government deliver its housebuilding programme.

"For every £1 of public money we receive for housing, Stonewater invests another £6 of its own money to create a range of affordable housing for people in different financial situations. This includes homes for low-cost rent enabling those who want to buy to save money, as well as affordable shared ownership, and good-quality housing for the poorest and most vulnerable members of the communities we serve."

Stonewater worked with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and Dorset-based construction company FH Cummings Unlimited on the Pemberly scheme, which to date has provided a mix of 40 two and three-bedroom homes for affordable rent, and six two- and



■ LEFT TO RIGHT: Jonathan Layzell, Stonewater Executive Director of Development; Councillor Gill Taylor, Portfolio Holder for Housing at Weymouth & Portland Borough Council; Councillor Richard Kosior, the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland Borough; Sheila Collins, Stonewater Board Member and Jim West, Baqus Director.

three-bedroom homes for shared ownership which start at £68,000 for a 40 per cent share. Stonewater will deliver a further two two-bedroom and five three-bedroom houses for shared ownership in spring next year.

Councillor Gill Taylor, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Briefholder for Housing, said: "It's great that this development is providing much needed affordable housing for local residents. These affordable homes will provide an essential contribution to the sustainability of the local community and assist the local housing need."

Pemberly is a 176-home development by regional builder FH Cummings, which includes 53 affordable homes for Stonewater. Each of the new homes has been delivered to a Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3 equivalent standard, which measures energy efficiency and helps keep running costs low. The smart new development is also within easy walking distance of shops, local transport and amenities.

According to the Home Truths report, there are 21,000 new households forming each year in the region but less than 19,000 homes were built in 2015.

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Family history sessions

PLACES are available on three Introduction to Family History sessions at the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester. They are being held on the last Monday of the month from 9:30am to 11am at a cost of £5. The dates are - February 27th, March 27th and April 24th.

The workshops are designed for those who are interested in family history but not sure where to start. The one-off sessions look at the basic resources that can be used in genealogical research.

Those taking part will spend some time exploring the online resources that help with family history, with some time for practice and assisted searching.

Those joining the session should bring along any information they already know their family. This can be gathered by talking to relatives and recording details of names, dates and places associated with family members.

Rail line closures

A talk is being held at the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester in early February to look at the closure of rail lines in Dorset.

Colin Divall, Emeritus professor of Railway Studies, University of York, will be at the centre on Thursday, February 9th at 7pm.

Mr Divall grew up near Wimborne within sight of the Southampton and Dorchester line north of Bournemouth and spent much of his teenage years on what was left of the route once Dr Beeching had cut the passenger trains.

He will talk about the impact of the Beeching report on Dorset - the changes wrought on the railways, the people who ran and used them, and the places they served.

This event is a fundraiser for the Dorset Archives Trust and all profits will help support its mission to save Dorset's disappearing history.

Tickets for the event are available now from the History Centre at a cost of £10.



■ NIK JONES, centre, from Dorchester with the other equal winners of the Rotary young chef competition. Below, Nik's winning meal, after judging.

Nik wins Rotary district chef title

THOMAS Hardy School pupil Nik Jones has won a Rotary Club regional Young Chef competition.

Nik was accompanied to the final by members of the Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club at Highbridge.

He was chosen as one of the three equal winners in the Rotary District 1200 Final. The others were Katie Prigg and Charlotte Penny.

Nik cooked for two hours to produce a three course meal of seared scallops on squid ink risotto, venison loin with kale and blackberry

sauce and cherry and chocolate cake (chocolate brownie, chocolate mousse, cream and cherry).

He will now go forward to the next round to be held in Shaftesbury on April 1st. Nik is being mentored in the competition by Chris Holmes, sous chef at the Yalbury Cottage restaurant at Bockhampton.

Rotary district governor, John Butler, recognised the determination and courage of the young chefs when he presented their certificates and prizes.

Casterbridge Rotarians sup-

ported Nik during the event at Highbridge and the President, Chris Davies, and all the club members congratulate Nik on his achievement and wish him continued success in the following rounds of the competition.



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DORCHESTER Round Tablers who co-organised the event with West Dorset Camra

Beer drinkers raise a glass

By Trevor Bevins

A LOCAL brewery has "done the double" by winning the public vote at this weekend's Dorchester Beerex – after winning a similar accolade at the Weymouth festival in the autumn.

Cerne Abbas brewery won beer of the festival for their 7.6% "Gurt Coconuts Rum Stout". Brewer Vic Irvine said: "We are honoured to win this prestigious award especially as it is done by public vote; having won at Weymouth Octoberfest last year we never dreamed of doing the double. This was originally an experimental brew which we will be brewing again soon and looking into can conditioning it."

The beer was voted best out of 87 at the 29th Beerex in Dorchester Corn Exchange at the weekend – an event which attracted 1,200 beer and cider fans.

West Dorset CAMRA spokesman Rich Gabe said "This dark rich complex ale is packed with deep flavours; reminiscing of a Bounty bar, a worthy winner."

The annual event is organised by West Dorset CAMRA (the Campaign for real ale) and Dorchester Round Table.

The Beerex committee would like to send out their "sincere gratitude" to all of the barrel sponsors and raffle prize donators along with the festival's main sponsor Palmers Brewery of Bridport who help make these amazing figures possible.

This year's Beerex chairman Adrian Patterson added: "Early indications are that we've raised in excess of £10,000 for local good causes and our main charity, Mosaic, will receive the lion's share of this."

"My thanks go to Palmers Brewery for supporting us for the third year running and to all the staff and committee members who gave up their time for free to make the event such a success."



EARLY start for this trio who travelled from Wiltshire to be at the festival

Advertiser's Announcement

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THE next meeting of the Devon and Dorset Investment Group will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2017. This month, we are excited that we have William Smith as one of our speakers, he will be sharing his extensive experience in how to find and acquire

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The meeting will be held at Lyme Regis Football Club on Charmouth Road, with registration and networking from 6pm, and the

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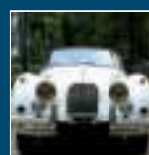
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"Next year's 30th Dorchester Beerex will be bigger and better than ever."

The fund-raising total for this year means that the festival has now raised more than £150,000 for local charitable causes since it started.

Another local Dorset brewery, Gyle 59, took silver with their Brad's coffee stout.



■ ELLIPSE members provided food for the event

■ CAMRA members were busy signing up new members



■ OPENING up the Town Hall as well as the Corn Exchange gave extra room this year

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THE DIRECTORS of Scott Rowe are delighted to announce Kate Maslen, Head of Dispute Resolution, has been appointed as a Director.

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Commenting on this appointment, Kevin Bull, Practice Manager and Director of Scott Rowe, said:

"We identified Kate's area as one which dovetails well with our practice. Kate will bring

additional opportunities and experience which will complement the firm's development strategy. Our recent appointment of Directors signals our commitment to invest in our growth and will strengthen and complement our existing team very well. We are looking forward to working with them and to guide our clients through their legal needs.

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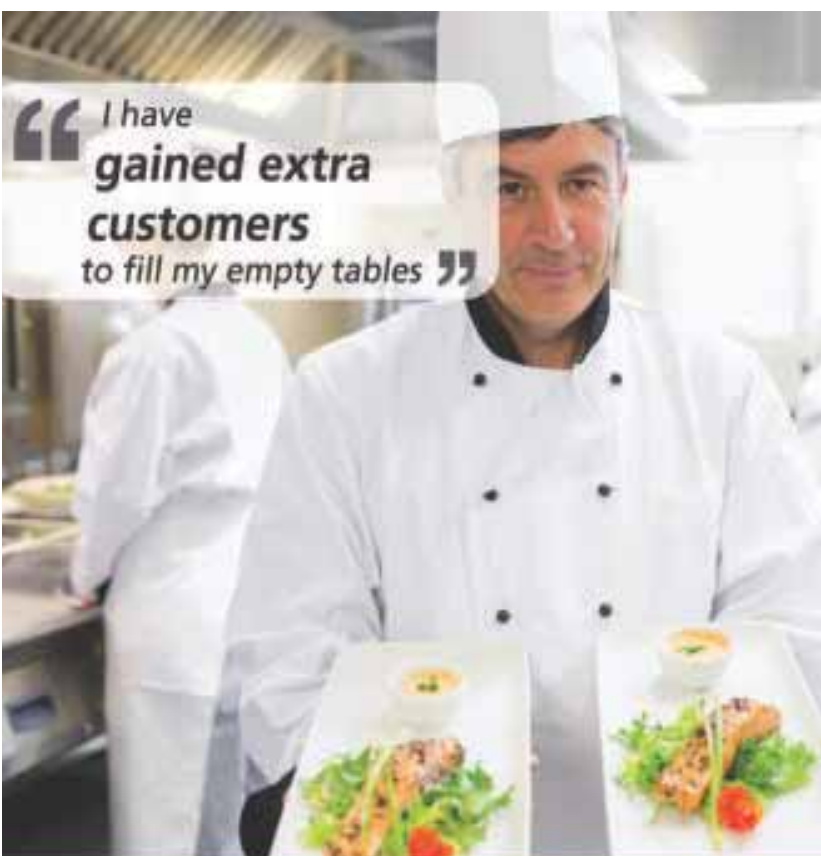
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Step forward for social care recruitment in Dorset

AROUND 20 per cent of social work positions in Dorset remain vacant with agency staff filling in some of the gaps.

Some agency workers are being paid more than double the average hourly rate of staff to cover important vacancies.

Figures before the county's recent staffing committee revealed that just three new staff social workers have started work since September although 17 others have been recruited – but are yet to start.

Sara Tough, Dorset County Council's director of children's services, said: "We are making progress, having recently appointed 17 new social workers who will be starting in the next few months, which will reduce our total number of vacancies significantly. We are continuing to receive new applications.

"We are absolutely committed to improving the lives of children and young people in Dorset. We are four months on from strengthening our social care arrangements and are investing in developing our

workforce to help them make a difference."

■ Dorset is one of only three areas in the country to have been awarded a share of a £7million Government fund to transform services for children and families.

Dorset County Council has been awarded £1.995million from the Department of Education's Children's Social Care Innovation Programme for its Reinvigorating Social Work training and development programme.

The money will be invested in developing social workers so they can focus more on making a difference to children and families early on.

The scheme was successfully piloted with a small group of social workers last year and the funding means the county council will now roll it out across its children's social care workforce over the next two years.

Reinvigorating Social Work is a targeted programme of learn-

ing, development and support aimed at empowering social workers. It promotes a model of social work practice based on building relationships and improving outcomes for children and families.

Sara Tough, director of children's services for Dorset County Council, said: "It is our vision for social work in Dorset to put making a difference for children, young people and families first. The focus of Reinvigorating Social Work is improving outcomes and developing a model we can adopt across children's services.

"This funding means we can invest in our social workers, who work day in and day out to make a difference for people in Dorset.

"We are committed to making Dorset a place where quality social work can thrive. The programme will help us keep our great social workers and attract others to come and work in Dorset. We will be actively recruiting extra social workers to help deliver this approach."



■ **READING** takes place all around the school

Reading initiative creating millionaires

STUDENTS and pupils at the Wey Valley School, St Nicholas & St Laurence Primary School and Radipole Primary School continue to set new heights with the accelerated reading scheme.

The reading initiative, which measures pupil's reading ages and literacy progress during the academic year, is now into its third year and pupils from years four to 10 continue to break records with more than 4,000 books and 100 million words read since last September.

Eileen Harding, Learning Resource Centre Manager at the Wey Valley School commended all students with their participation adding: "The latest snapshot of student progress is really pleasing with notable improvements from last year.

"We have seen all year groups improve with our current year nine showing almost 80 per cent of students now on or above their reading target. All other year groups are not too far behind and we are supporting those students who have yet to reach their targets, so we expect even more students to benefit from the

scheme as we progress through this year"

Mrs Harding added: "Parents can also view their child's progress with the online home connect link and we are pleased with the parental feedback and that many students continue to read at home as well."

Steve Dyer, Assistant Principal and Head of English at Wey Valley paid tribute to the scheme adding: "With 20 minutes dedicated reading time every school day and many students visiting the Learning Resource Centre either before school, break time, lunchtime or during after school homework club to read and check their online assessments of their books, we are seeing a positive impact on literacy across the school."

Mr Dyer added: "Students are reading across the school, whether in English lessons, in the Learning Resource Centre or at the start of PE lessons in the Fitness Studio – we have 14 word millionaires already and we expect many more to reach this feat by the end of the summer term!"

Buxton monument almost complete after seven years

THE Thomas Fowell Buxton Monument has now been built on Bincheaves Green, Weymouth after nearly seven years of fundraising.

Finishing touches need to be completed before it can be officially declared open in the early summer.

The Thomas Fowell Buxton Society will be holding its annual meeting at 2pm on Thursday, February 16th February at the Weymouth Community Fire Station. Mayor of Weymouth and Portland, Councillor Richard Kosiorek will preside.

Said Chairman of Trustees for the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society, James Buxton: "The society, once it has paid off its debts, will have achieved its prime objective in erecting a monument in Weymouth to celebrate the life and achievements of Thomas Fowell Buxton."

Added Dr John Fannon, Treasurer and Trustee of the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society: "The society is planning a dedication ceremony in early June 2017 and will announce details at the AGM."

Dr Fannon added that the Bishop of Sherborne had kindly agreed to lead the dedication service and the new Mayor, Councillor Kevin Brookes, and a number of honoured guests would be invited.

Preparations were being made to produce a commemorative booklet to be published for the ceremony.

Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, 1st Baronet (b. 1786 d. 1845) was an MP for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis between 1818 and 1837, and who led



■ THE new monument to former Weymouth MP and social reformer Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton

the campaign to abolish slavery as an economic system.

Buxton was a Christian social reformer, chosen as a champion by an aging and ailing in health, William Wilberforce to carry on the work towards the eventual abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire. This was achieved in 1833 by Act of Parliament.

Buxton had an interest in education of the poor and prison reforms and was a great believer in self-help along with hard work. He was responsible for many changes in prison reform and criminal law reform.

Rotary cheques to help projects

WEYMOUTH'S Melcombe Regis Rotary Club has been presented with two cheques.

The presentation at a club meeting was made by Keith Barnard Jones of the Rotary Foundation who attended with his wife, Judy.

He handed over matching grant cheques from the foundation, each for £500 equalling the amounts raised by the club members.

Beneficiaries were the Murugi project in Kenya, which requires a covered waiting area for patients and an extra large Oxygen tank.

Josie Hastings on behalf of project founder Martin Hastings was at the meeting to receive a cheque for £1,000 to cover the cost of these items.

The other beneficiary is a local charity namely Fortuneswell ward at Dorchester Community Hospital for cancer patients which will also receive a cheque for £1,000 for the purchase of equipment to make life easier for patients.



■ PRESIDENT Ray Divall with Josie Hastings and Keith Barnard Jones and committee members

Man found guilty of running illegal pet shop

A MAN has been found guilty of offences under the Pet Animals Act 1951, following an investigation undertaken by the West Dorset District Council Dog Warden Service.

David Parsons, 57, formerly of Bankfield House, Pound Lane, Dewlish, was ordered to complete 180 hours unpaid work, pay costs of £1,500 and compensation of a total of £309.60 after being prosecuted by West Dorset District Council for three offences relating to keeping premises as a pet shop without a licence and one offence of selling an animal in a public place.

Mr Parsons was also disqualified from holding a Pet Shop License for a period of 10 years.

Mr Parsons appeared at Weymouth Magistrates Court in December where he was found guilty, following a trial, of three offences of breaching Section 1 of the Pet Animals Act 1951 and one offence of breaching Section 2 of the Pet Animals Act 1951.

He was sentenced at Poole Magistrates Court on Thursday, February 2nd.

The court heard that a total of four puppies were sold unlawfully by Mr Parsons during a time period spanning December 14th 2015 to March 4th 2016. During this time Mr Parsons was already subject to a disqualification from keeping a Pet Shop License owing to a previous offence committed in another area.

The court also heard that two of the puppies appeared to have not been vaccinated properly. This resulted in one of the puppies having to be treated with a six-month course of worming as it was passing large amounts of blood.

In a similar case, presented at the same time, another puppy sold by Mr Parsons had to be treated for worms after having bleeding from the gut.

The fourth offence related to the sale of a puppy by Mr Parsons, which then fell seriously ill and had to be euthanised the day after it was sold.

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Did you know...

THE saint we celebrate on Valentine's Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because Valentinus - from the Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful - was a popular name between the second and eighth centuries AD, several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof.

VALENTINE is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things. Saints are certainly expected to keep busy in the afterlife. Their holy duties include interceding in earthly affairs and entertaining petitions from living souls. In this respect, St Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and travelling. As you might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.

YOU can find Valentine's skull in Rome. The flower-adorned skull of St Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now associated with St Valentine.

THE medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Foules," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's Feast Day.



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Main Courses

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Pan Fried Duck Breast with Orange Sauce, Herby Potatoes and Green Beans
Salmon Supreme with Dauphine Potatoes and Green Beans
Stilton & Vegetable Crumble with Garlic Bread and Salad

Desserts

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Caprino ai pistacchi e frutti rossi (v) £7.25

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Terrina di maiale con piselli, miele e mostarda £7.25

Ham hock terrine, peas, salad leaves and a honey & mustard dressing

Gnocchi gratinati al forno (v) £9.95

Baked gnocchi with mozzarella, green asparagus and dried cherry tomatoes

Pesce nasello con guanciale, piselli e patate novella £15.95

Fillet of Hake with crispy pancetta, garden peas and new potatoes

Pollo saltimbocca con puree di patate £12.95

Chicken breast with Parma ham, sage, mozzarella, raisins and mashed potatoes

Pannacotta alle arancia di Sicilia £4.95

Blood orange pannacotta with redcurrant puree and fresh mandarin

Ganache al cioccolato fondente (v) £5.25

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Gelato alla vaniglia con amarene sciropate (v) £4.95

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Goats cheese salad

Warm Goats cheese salad with beetroot puree and tapenade

Terrine

Chicken ham terrine with pickled girolle, tarragon and honey mustard dressing

Veg fritters

Cauliflower and broccoli fritters with curry aioli

Sorbet

Passionfruit sorbet
Lemon sorbet

MAINS

8oz Fillet Steak

8oz Fillet steak with sautéed wild mushrooms with garlic and thyme mash blistered cherry tomatoes accompanied by steak Diane sauce.

Confit Rabbit

Confit Rabbit tagliatelle with a light Dijon mustard sauce laced with brandy with a slice of griddled sour dough bread.

Duck Breast

Pan seared duck breast with grilled chicory garlic dauphinoise potatoes, celeriac puree finished with a rich duck reduction.

Monkfish Curry

Sri Lankan style monk fish curry finished with fresh coriander flat bread and coconut rice

Beetroot and Feta Tartlet

Served with tahini dressed leaves and roast beef tomato with rosemary and garlic

DESSERTS

S'More Brownies

Chocolate brownie topped with toasted marshmallow, milk chocolate and lightly salted gram crackers with butterscotch sauce

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CHERRY JAM HEART PIE POPS

Ingredients:

- Your favorite pie dough
- Flour for rolling dough
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 large egg, with a splash of water
- Cherry jam or other filling of your choice – jam, peanut butter or Nutella
- Lollipop sticks (oven-safe kind)
- Heart cookie cutter



Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to temperature the dough requires. Roll out dough and cut out as many hearts as you can.
2. Spoon cherry jam or the filling of choice in the center of half of the hearts.
3. Place a lollipop stick on each crust, pushing down with a bit of pressure so it sticks into the dough without pushing through the other side.
4. Beat the egg with a splash of water. Using your fingertip or a pastry brush, run a bit of egg wash along the border of the crust of the heart. Then add the heart tops, using a fork to pinch the edges together.
5. Give the top of each pie a light coating of the egg wash, add a pinch of white sugar and dust each top. Bake for 20 – 30 minutes until they're golden and delicious.

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Fight breaks-out at film screening

A FIGHT broke out in a cinema audience during a screening of violence-filled T2 Trainspotting in Dorchester.

The brawl started because a blonde woman was loudly laughing and ruining it for others despite being asked to keep quiet.

People in the row behind her started shouting and an argument broke out between the groups.

It was reported by cinema-goers that one woman threw a punch and two men started squaring up to one another while other members of the audience tried to diffuse the situation.

The trouble erupted at a 6.30pm screening of the cult film follow-up - starring original stars Ewan McGregor and Robert Carlyle - at the Odeon.

Daniel Smith, who was in the audience, said: "I'm not sure what was more entertaining - the film or the live action cat fight."

"It looked like the blonde woman had had a few drinks and to be fair she was ruining it for everyone."

An Odeon spokesperson said: "We can confirm there was a minor disturbance at one of our cinemas. Our team responded to the situation quickly and the problem was resolved."

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Forest School needs your votes

CHILDREN could be building shelters, exploring natural materials in art and becoming nature detectives if shoppers vote for them to introduce the Forest School approach to Greenford Primary School in Maiden Newton.

The school is calling on Tesco shoppers to use their tokens to help establish a learning area full of woodland wonder, building on the success of their current curriculum.

And they are hoping Tesco shoppers in stores across Weymouth, Dorchester, Portland and Yeovil will choose to put their token in to boost their cause.

The tokens are part of the supermarket's Bags of Help initiative, which aims to fund projects that help the community.

Organiser Kelly Critchell, a mum of two from Cattistock, said: "We are so excited at the thought of getting a Forest School for Greenford."

"It's a wonderful extra to the school allowing us to incorporate wildlife and nature into the children's curriculum."

The school could receive £1,000, £2,000 or £5,000 in the initiative, all raised from the 5p bag levy - Greenford's Forest School will be up for voting until February 25th.

If successful, the youngsters at the school, aged four to 11, will be enjoying learning through nature. The school site is fortunate to have a wooded area where children can explore along nature trails and discovering the secret lives of mini-beasts, tell Forest School stories as well as collecting woodland materi-



■ **DR Dave Aplin teaches children woodland skills at Greenford**

als to make natural art, natural music and den making. They could also be using tools to create woodland crafts, willow weaving and exploring habitats.

Headteacher Kim Jackaman said: "Our school is set in wonderful local surroundings with the added benefit of a wooded area on site."

"Our aim is to create a Forest School that will extend the children's curriculum learning in school, as well as teaching them about sustainable use of local natural resources and outdoor practical skills."

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered more than £25 million

to more than 3,000 projects up and down the UK.

Lindsey Crompton, Head of Community at Tesco, said: "We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for February. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see them come to life in hundreds of communities."

Groundwork's national chief executive Graham Duxbury said: "We've been thrilled to see the diversity of projects that have applied for funding, ranging from outdoor classrooms, sports facilities, community gardens, play areas and everything in between."

Age UK Big Knit

AGE UK Dorchester is hosting a 'Big Knit'athon on Thursday, February 16th from 9am - 3.30pm.

Knitters are invited to go along to the Prince of Wales Road headquarters of the charity and join in with knitting bobble hats, which are then sold by Innocent Smoothies in the winter.

Innocent pay 25p per hat, which supports Age UK in distributing essential items to keep older people warm, offer a snow clearing service, shopping support, and befriending visits during winter and beyond.

Council reorganisation

DORCHESTER Town Council will be looking at what services it might be able to take on following local government re-organisation.

"We need to talk about what we would like to have devolved to us, so we are ready," Councillor Molly Rennie told town councillors.

Her thoughts were echoed by Mayor Councillor Tim Harries who said the council should be looking at what it might want to take on, and what finance might be offered.

"We have to be prepared to move at a moment's notice," he said.

Memorial tree

DORCHESTER Drama has planted a tree in the Borough Gardens in member of founding member, Ann Ottaway.

Over the years she has directed, acted, supervised, prompted and advised on many of the group's productions.

The Katsura tree was planted near the Prince Street entrance to the gardens by Ann's daughter Sally, and long standing member Billie Brown.

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Graffiti damage

A CRUDELY drawn "H" spray painted in green has appeared on a wall in Poundbury.

The offender also sprayed paint onto a parked car nearby.

Police say it happened opposite the new Damers School being built in Liscombe Street sometime in the afternoon last Thursday.

If anyone has any information or has seen any more graffiti sprayed in green please contact PCSO Matt Barton 6488 at Matthew.Barton@Dorset.pnn.police.uk or phone 101 quoting occurrence 55170016768.

Help needed for hall

DORCHESTER'S Brownsword Hall volunteer team could do with a little more help.

Stewart Palmer, Chair of the Trustees, says the venue hosts around 500 community events each year and needs more volunteers to spread the load.

"It can only provide the range of events it does, if the local residents support it by becoming trustees or engage in fundraising. The time commitment is not enormous, but we need people who can provide practical help and are prepared to get their hands dirty, literally in some cases."

If you are interested in becoming a trustee, or want to help in other ways, contact Mr Palmer on 01305 753717.

Quiz night nets £600

ALMOST £600 has been raised by a quiz night organised by Poundbury Rotary.

Home-Start, which works with families with young children, will receive £530 from the evening with the rest being used for Rotary charities.

The quiz, at the Brownsword Hall, included a number of categories, including 12 questions on the news in 2016. Other rounds were on the cinema and Dorset.

The cash bar, raffle and the quiz entry generated £598.

Lottery win for dementia project

THE Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) team, hosted by Dorset County Council, is celebrating a £320,000 award from the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund for a project that helps people with dementia to improve their health and wellbeing through nature.

Stepping into Nature is currently a pilot, but thanks to the award, the project will now be extended for a further three years in Bridport, Beaminster, Lyme Regis, Charmouth, Weymouth, Dorchester and Swanage.

The project is run by the Dorset AONB team alongside partners including the Alzheimer's Society, Dorset Forest School and the county council's Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP).

It offers a range of outdoor activities for people with dementia and their carers, enabling them to be creative and socialise while engaging with Dorset's beautiful natural landscape.

Regular activities include the Greenwood Club in ancient woodland at Netherbury near Bridport, where a small group gets together

once a month to learn and rediscover traditional wood-working skills.

Julie Hammon, project assistant for the Dorset AONB team, said: "One of the aims of the AONB is to enable all people to be able to access the landscape easily.

"Together with our partners, I am delighted that Stepping into Nature's contribution to improving people's health and wellbeing in the landscape has been recognised.

"This Big Lottery Fund award will enable us to build on the success of the pilot projects, and reach out to more vulnerable adults in the community."

Councillor Jill Haynes, the county council's Cabinet member for adult health, care and independence, said: "Congratulations to the Dorset AONB team and its partners for this recognition from the UK National Lottery. The money will be used for similar projects across the county to help more people improve their wellbeing through our wonderful countryside.

"It's really exciting to be working with local organisations on these new initiatives."



■ THE Stepping Into Nature project has received £320,000 from the Bug Lottery Reaching Communities Fund

Spend a night at the museum

THE Jurassic Coast Trust's popular Dinosaur Sleepovers are returning to Dorset County Museum in Dorchester, across consecutive Saturday nights next month on March 4th and March 11th.

The sleepovers are fun-filled evenings aimed at families with fossil and dinosaur-mad youngsters. They are recommended for children aged seven and up, with allowances made for younger siblings.

Tickets are £15 per person and include a

full line-up of evening activities including Jurassic-themed arts and crafts, games, a torch-lit mystery tour and a choice of films.

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Love your Gardening Valentine...

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

THE way to a gardener's heart is a green-fingered gift and as Valentine's Day looms, there's no better time to splash out on a patio-perfect present.

Handmade Patio Log Burner: Want to snuggle up to your partner on the patio during the cooler months? This handmade log burner from Homestead and Garden will keep the home fires burning outdoors and can even be used as an open barbecue, as you can place skewers over the top. Made from mild steel, it comes in a satin black finish (£60, www.amazon.co.uk)

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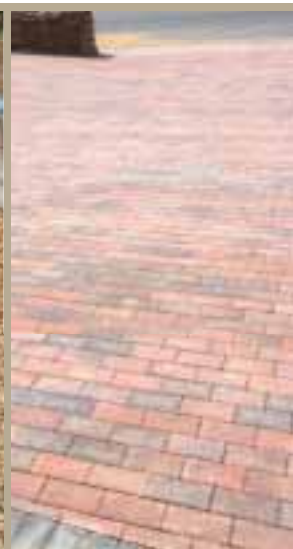
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WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

- Start to sow slow-maturing bedding plants such as African marigolds and antirrhinums under glass.
- If weather permits, prepare seed beds on free-draining sandy soil by lightly forking over the surface, breaking down large lumps and raking the soil to a fine tilth.
- Continue to bring in forced bulbs for indoor flowering as they become ready for extra warmth.
- Examine stored dahlia tubers for any sign of rotting.
- Check trellis, pergolas and arches which are supporting climbers and repair any that are damaged.
- Before plants start growing actively, check on the ties that secure them to supports. Replace any that have rotted and add extra ties if needed.
- Continue to plant bare root fruit trees and bushes if the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged.
- If you have bought bare-root hedging plants which you can't plant because the ground is waterlogged, open them out to allow air to circulate, cover roots with straw and store in an open, rodent-free place, keeping the roots moist to avoid dehydration.
- Pot autumn-rooted fuchsia cuttings into small, individual pots.
- Continue winter-pruning trees, roses, climbers and shrubs before spring growth gets under way.



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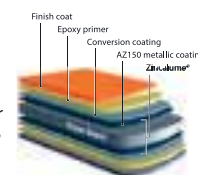
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Live family theatre coming to Dorset this February half-term!...



WITH half term just around the corner, children and families can look forward to some brilliant live theatre events taking place across Dorset through Artsreach, who in 2017 are partnered by local solicitors Blanchards Bailey. Featuring spellbinding puppets, mischievous imaginary friends and mind-boggling magic, three fantastic family productions are set to visit ten venues within the County this February half term...

Angel Heart Theatre Malina's Dream

This enchanting show reflects upon friendship and finding the way between two worlds. Malina is an excitable young girl who lives with Grandpa in the land of the midnight sun. Into her frozen world comes a stranger, whose ship is crushed in the ice. When Malina discovers her dream has become real she knows only she can save the stranger's life... with just a little help from Grandpa and his magic drum! This warm-hearted tale, created by Angel Heart Theatre is inspired by true-life encounters between 19th century Scottish sailors and the Inuit communities of the Arctic. Breath-taking puppets, live music and a specially commissioned soundtrack create an unforgettable experience of magical theatre. A pre show shadow puppet making workshop is also happening!

Sat 11 February, 4:00pm
Nether Compton Village Hall - 01935 413220
Sun 12 February, 4:00pm
Sturminster Newton Exchange - 01258 475137
Mon 13 February, 4:00pm
Evershot Village Hall - 01935 83580
Tues 14 February, 4:00pm
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Morgan & West Utterly Spiffing Spectacular Magic Show for Kids

Time travelling Victorian magic duo Morgan & West unload another boxful of bafflement and impossibility. Witness a mountain of mysterious magic, a hatful of hyper-reality, and of course a truck full of tricks and tea. (Sadly there are no actual mountains or trucks on stage during the show, Mr West simply would not have them.) Mixing brain busting illusion and good old fashioned tom-foolery, Morgan & West present a show for all the family, where magic and silliness abound! Touring Dorset through Artsreach, the counties arts charity.



Sun 12 February, 4pm
Langton Matravers Village Hall - 01929 423834
Sun 19 February, 4pm
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Fri 10 March, 6pm
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Paddleboat Theatre Margo & Mr Whatsit

Did you ever have an imaginary friend? A little piece of mischief only you could see? Sophia's imaginary friend is called Mr. Whatsit, and he's always there with a new joke to tell and a new game to play - that is, until the day she unimagines him. Now there's a new imaginary friend in town - the tea-drinking, lipstick-wearing, ever-confident Margo. Can Mr. Whatsit's childish playfulness keep him from being unimagined forever? And as Sophia's imagination goes to war, will she manage to find peace in her new home? PaddleBoat Theatre Company present a lively and imaginative tale full of mime, puppetry, music, clowning and object play and invite you to enter Sophia's world, where the real and the imaginary collide and friends are never far away.

Fri 17 February, 4pm
St Nicholas School Child Okeford - 01258 861612
Sat 18 February, 11am
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■ PUPILS get ready to run a mile for Julia's House

Pupils to go the extra mile

PUPILS across Dorset are being invited to skip, walk or run a mile as part of a fundraising project that will benefit their schools and Julia's House, the children's hospice charity.

The Extra Mile is a sponsored event where half of all the money raised is kept by the school to pay for extra treats and projects for pupils.

The other half is donated to Julia's House, to fund care for families with a life-limited child.

The mile can be measured in laps of a school field or playground and can be done during break time or as part of a PE lessons making it simple to set-up.

The charity is hoping that if enough schools take up the challenge, together they will help fund the cost of a nurse.

The campaign is being backed by children's TV presenter and Julia's House Patron Chris Jarvis who said: "I hope lots of schools sign up for this. Extra Mile is going to be great fun and for a great cause. I will be sending special video messages to everyone taking part to cheer them on."

Julia's House provides frequent, regular support for families in its Corfe Mullen hospice and

in their own homes across Dorset and Wiltshire, giving mums and dads a well-earned break.

Julia's House community fundraiser Laura Kelly said: "The Extra Mile is not about who walks or runs the fastest but about children having fun with school friends and helping other children who may be too poorly to walk or run."

"This is the first time we have organised a joint activity for pupils that benefits both the school and the families we support. It is a really simple but enjoyable way of sharing fundraising."

In a trial last year one Dorset first school raised more than £6,000 - £3,000 for Julia's House and £3,000 to spend on a new outdoor learning centre.

Each child who takes part will be presented with a medal, the top three fundraisers will get a goodie bag and the class raising the most money will receive a trophy, thanks to Extra Mile sponsors, Superior.

The Extra Mile is open to all schools. To sign up for a free fundraising pack or find out more please contact Laura on 01202 644220 or visit juliashouse.org/extramile

Kite flying weather!



■ STORMY weather might be a nightmare for some – but for others, especially these kite surfers at Overcombe Corner, Weymouth conditions could not have been better.

Swing into spring with choral society

WEYMOUTH Choral Society will be staging its Swing Into Spring concert on Saturday, April 8th at 7.30pm in All Saints School.

A varied and lively programme will be on offer with special guests the Quangle Wangle Choir, community group much famed for their enthusiastic and delightful performances.

The concert will have something for everyone with a wide range of genres and styles from classical oratorio to musical theatre, from pop hits and jazz to hymn tunes as well as ballads

and folksongs from around the world.

Weymouth Choral Society's pianist, Louise Dukes, will display her skills on piano accordion as well as accompanying the choir.

The evening will culminate in a selection of songs reflecting the beauty and energy of the coast and ocean.

Tickets cost £10, will be available from March 1st and can be bought from members by contacting 07712 135150, from Weymouth Pavilion or from Harmony Music in Dorchester.

Village market returns for 2017

PRESTON Village Market will hold its first event of 2017 on Saturday, February 11th, from 10am-12.30pm.

The market will be held in St Andrew's Church Rooms, Church Road, Preston, where stallholders will be selling cakes, savouries, preserves, various cards, jewellery and crafts.

There will be eggs and plants for sale as well as a Traidcraft stall while visitors can also relax with delicious

refreshments.

This time the market will be raising funds for Gulley's Place Trust Fund, which supports children's palliative care across Dorset from diagnosis to death in hospital, at home and beyond. The market will also raise money for St Andrew's Church Fund.

Entrance to the market is free but donations from visitors to the chosen charities would be appreciated.

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Their experts will be offering verbal valuations on a wide range of objects and they also aim to educate and advise you of your objects identity and history as well as its value.

There will be a small charge of £2 per valuation with the proceeds going to the children's charity Greenfingers, which is dedicated to supporting the children who use hospices around the UK by creat-

ing beautiful and well-designed outdoor spaces for children to enjoy with their families and friends, whether through play and fun or therapeutic rest and relaxation.

Visitors to the event are invited to bring along any small items they would like to be valued including silver, jewellery, ceramics, old toys, memorabilia, paintings and anything else that can be easily carried.

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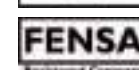
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THE LONGEST JOHNS

Vocal group as featured on Gareth Malone's The Choir to perform in Lyme Regis

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CAMP BESTIVAL

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JOSIE LONG

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TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

Jazz Jurassica's Valentine's treat

JAZZ JURASSICA will literally blow away winter blues in time for Valentine's Day with acclaimed saxophonist Tony Roberts and the Ray d'Inverno Trio on Saturday, February 11th in Lyme Regis. After a remarkable playing career, spanning six decades, saxophonist Tony Roberts kicks off what will be his 80th year with a loved up set of exhilarating jazz classics.

Tony first cut his teeth as a young musician in the Royal Tank Regiment after answering ad in Melody Maker! Joining the army, he said, was the only way to learn his trade. "And then it was just practice, practice, and more practice until my lips bled".

After playing in army bands for six years, he went to London, quickly becoming a regular fixture at Ronnie Scott's and on the London gig circuit, both as a jazz musician and session player. He played regularly with the likes of John Dankworth and Alexis Korner. And here he also met up with John McLaughlin and Danny Thompson in the mid-1960s, before McLaughlin went off to play with Miles Davis.

Turning his back on the London music scene, Tony bought a small-holding outside Honiton and has remained in the area ever since. But his love affair with music never waned and he continued to earn his living as a musician, touring with John Renborne and playing music for the TV series Bergerac.

Although now in his 80th Year, Tony remains a passionate player and his love affair with the tenor sax is evident, "it's the closest sound to my own voice, I don't sing, but the tenor sax speaks to me, which is why I like it".

At Jazz Jurassica, he's joined by pianist/composer,



Tony Roberts

Ray d'Inverno leading his trio in this classy double bill. Ray has played with top jazz stars Gilad Atzmon, Alan Barnes, Tina May, John Williams and Norma Winstone.

So, what can audiences expect when Tony with the Ray d'Inverno Trio in February? Typically, he thinks about his audience first. "As it's so close to Valentine's Day, we're going to focus on songs and melodies about love". A perfect treat for your Valentine.

Tony Roberts with the Ray d'Inverno Trio, Saturday, February 11th, By the Bay Restaurant, Lyme Regis. Customers must book a table in advance because of limited capacity. Tickets from www.lymeregisjazzfestival.co.uk/jazz-jurassica/ or through Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138.

Scottish folk icons 'Join Forces' tour comes to Bridport this Saturday

SEPTEMBER 2016 saw the release of the seventh Southern Tenant Folk Union album 'Join Forces'. It was written following the May 2015 general election result, and then recorded in June and July 2016 amidst a quickly changing political landscape, something that has made the suite of songs seem timelier still. The band's tour continues through spring, and comes to Bridport this Saturday, February 11th.

Musically the album harks back to the more roots and bluegrass sounding earlier albums and is divided into two main strands. Firstly there are some tracks which have a much poppier and melodic approach than in the past. Songs such as the dynamic opener 'To The War', the frantic Arthur Lee & Love influenced 'The Media Attack', Rory Butler's 'Carefully Does It' and the title track 'Join Forces'. Then, secondly, several songs deliberately take in more old-time bluegrass chord sequences and sounds. Tracks like Ash, a metaphor for political progress meeting the sci-fi eco movie Silent Running, and the uptempo bluegrass lament that is Our Revolution It Will One Day Come which concerns

the slow nature of change. Plain Stanley Brothers style A cappella harmony vocals start off My Grandfather's Father before mixing in folk fiddle & percussion breakdowns and then there's the anthemic What Would You Give For A Leader With Soul?

Southern Tenant Folk Union play at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, February 11th. Tickets are £12/£10. For more details and tickets call 01308 424204 or visit www.bridport-arts.com



Southern Tenant Folk Union

From 'The Choir' to the Pilot Boat!



Gareth Malone with the Longest Johns. Picture: BBC

IF YOU'VE been following The Choir on BBC with Gareth Malone, you will undoubtedly have noticed a bunch of bearded Bristolian blokes who rather stand out from the crowd.

Now the Longest Johns, fresh from their appearance on the popular TV show, are among the acts appearing next month at Lyme Regis Revisited, the annual fundraiser for the town's summer folk festival.

The one-off show will be held on Saturday, March 18th at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis, and features three acts from across the region.

The five-strong singing group, all in their twenties, bring a youthful vigour – and a touch of bawdy Bristolian humour – to their performances of traditional shanties and their own original material.

Joining them for the evening will be Saskia Griffiths-Moore, a young singer-songwriter really making name for herself on the folk circuit.

Saskia's unique voice, perfectly complemented by her highly accomplished guitar style, bring new

life classic songs and her own brilliant compositions, and have already made her a popular performer in Lyme, with several appearances at the Marine Theatre and Lyme Folk Weekend. She is currently working on a much-anticipated second album.

Completing the evening are Mitchell & Vincent, a highly sought-after duo who have been among the most popular performers at Lyme Folk Weekend for the last four years. David Mitchell (guitar) and Graham Vincent (violin and vocals) play a stunning mix of high tempo tunes to get your toes tapping and beautifully soulful folk ballads to melt your heart.

A Lyme Folk organiser said: 'The annual Revisited show is becoming a traditional event for us, and we are delighted to welcome such amazing talent once again. All the performers are donating their time so all the proceeds from the show go to helping us put on the summer festival.'

'We think this year's show will be right up there with the previous

ones in terms of quality, and we are particularly thrilled to be holding the evening in the Pilot Boat, as we think an intimate but friendly setting will suit our performers perfectly.'

Tickets for the Lyme Folk Revisited fundraiser are £10, available online at www.lymefolk.com, from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre (01297 442138) or from the Pilot Boat, 1 Bridge Street, Lyme Regis.



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Critically acclaimed play about cricketer Colin Milburn comes to Lyme Regis



Dan Gaisford as Colin Milburn

FOLLOWING a sell-out tour in November 2016, Dougie Blaxland's critically acclaimed one man show *When The Eye Has Gone* is coming to The Marine Theatre Lyme Regis as part of a UK National tour on 8th and 15th March 2017. Tickets are available from the box office on 01297 442138.

When The Eye Has Gone tells the all too brief life of Colin "Ollie" Milburn - the cricketing legend who was one of England's most unlikely sporting heroes. Full of anecdotes, a thumping soundtrack and a large gin and coke, the story swings backwards and forwards through Milburn's life

as he raises a glass to the triumphs, including his first Test Century against the West Indies at Lords in 1966 and the disasters, like losing his left eye in a car accident in 1969.

The extraordinary story of Colin Milburn has all the hallmarks of a Greek tragedy. In 1966 he became a household name, scoring a blistering century against the mighty West Indies in only his second test. He then caused a major sensation playing for Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield smashing 243 against Queensland at Brisbane in an innings described by Don Bradman as "the greatest innings played

by an Englishman on Australian soil". This was quickly followed by another glorious century for England against Pakistan in Lahore.

Just a few weeks later, on his triumphant return to England, he lost his left eye in a car crash in Northampton, an injury that effectively ended his career and life prospects. His subsequent decline into alcoholism ended with his death from a heart attack at the age of 48. Ian Botham was one of the pall bearers.

Originally commissioned by The Professional Cricketers' Association for Mind Matters, their mental health awareness programme, *When The Eye Has Gone* was written by the award-winning playwright Dougie Blaxland, nom de plume of James Graham-Brown, a former Derbyshire and Kent all-rounder and directed by Roughhouse Theatre.

The part of Colin Milburn is played by GSA graduate Dan Gaisford. Dan has worked extensively in

TV, film and theatre and his recent credits include Clybourne Park (Mercury Theatre Colchester), Kidnapped (Brassworks Theatre) and Henry Walker and the Wheel of Death (Roughhouse Theatre).

The show comes to The Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 8th and Wednesday, March 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £13 and £12 (concessions), available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

What's it Worth?

The Antiques Roadshow's Eric Knowles comes to Bridport

ERIC Knowles takes centre stage with a two hour, one man show that retains the same winning format of meet and greet... but with a difference!

Audience members can bring along their heirlooms and treasures for on stage discussion but then, in the final part of the show, they will be able to see their objects brought to the screen, courtesy of a web type camera that will allow a more detailed view and appreciation in the valuation session.

Eric Knowles is one of those rare individuals who is able to share his extensive knowledge of the world of Antiques in a manner that is easily understood. With over Twenty years working on the BBC's flagship programme The Antiques Roadshow under his belt, Eric has become the friendly face of what for many years proved to be a business shrouded with no small element of mystery.

In *What's it Worth?*, the lad from Lancashire takes the

wraps off a business in which he has been immersed for over 30 years. The first part of the evening is given over to what are quite often irreverent anecdotal reminiscences, ably supported by excellent images.

The second part of the evening is devoted to the audience's 'treasures', twenty five of which have been selected by Eric during the initial meeting and greeting session and welcome party. Eric is keen to assure all those bringing heirlooms that he for one will be drinkin' a witty and entertaining look at the world of Antiques with one of its best raconteurs.

A two or three course, home-cooked preshow supper is available before the show.

Eric Knowles brings his show 'What's it Worth' to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 24th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 and £14, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204

Join The Rebellion!

Marine Theatre Launches 'Monmouth' Community Play this Thursday

THE MARINE THEATRE in Lyme Regis is holding a launch event in preparation for their highly anticipated July 2017 community play 'Monmouth', about the Monmouth Rebellion, this Thursday, February 9th.

Based on this poignant piece of Lyme history the play will tell the story of the attempt by James Scott, 1st Duke of Monmouth to overthrow the King of England James 2nd. The events that transpired became known as the last battle on English soil.

The launch night kicks off from 6pm with a talk by Chris Copson of The Keep Military Museum, whose presentation 'The Journey To Sedgemoor' will shed light on the bloody events that unraveled in 1685.

Then at 7pm there will be a special preview reading of the new play written by local writer Andrew Rattenbury, the pen behind last summer's award-winning 'The Tempest of Lyme'. The reading will be performed by some of last year's cast members.

All are welcome to the launch event, whether interested in local history or keen to take part in the community play. This will be a great opportunity for local actors, musicians, singers and people interested

to help backstage to hear the play, give their feedback and sign up to be involved in the production.

The Theatre Bar will be open from 6pm and the event is free with a suggested donation of £5 per person to go towards essential funds for the community play.

To register to be involved in this year's community play email officeassistant@marinetheatre.com



WHAT'S IT WORTH? With The Antiques Roadshow's Eric Knowles

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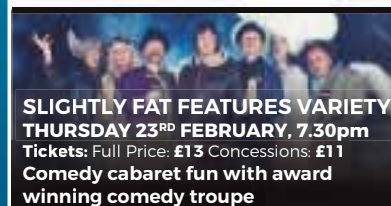
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The restaurant has recently undergone an extensive re-fit and looks fantastic. Sue's celebrated artist daughter Julie provides many of the restaurant's decorations in the form of her subtly coloured, sensitive, imaginative paintings, which compliment the new décor wonderfully.

For all those celebrating Valentines on Tuesday, February 14th, a number of

specials specifically created for Valentines will be available to tantalise those taste buds! Take a look at the menu on the opposite page and be sure to get a table booked while there is still some availability.

Their team of very experienced chefs have created a mouth-watering menu for the new season. Head chef Darrol has been in the Harbour Inn kitchen for 9 years and still continues to cook fantastic food, assisted by Ben.

The evening menu is available seven nights a week with the restaurant having previously closed on a Sunday night during the winter, but that is no longer the case. What better way to round off your weekend than sampling the fantastic local food on offer at The Harbour Inn? The new full evening and lunch menus can be seen on the page opposite.

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 River Teign Mussels in white wine with garlic, onion and cream £9/£17.40
 Little Hot Crust Game Pie local game in a red wine smoked bacon sauce £6.80
 Fried Smoked Haddock Fish Cake panko crumb served with a smooth chowder dressing, caper and egg salad £7.20
 Garlic Roasted Spinach and Rocket Cannelloni baked in a Devon Oke cheese sauce £7.20
 Garlic Bread £3.50
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 Mixed olive bowl £3.80

Main Courses

Harbour Inn Fish Pie Local fish with salmon, smoked haddock and prawns, in a creamy sauce. Served with salad £14.50
 Harbour Inn Bouillabaisse Mixture of local and Cornish fish and shellfish in a rich tomato and basil sauce, with toasted rosemary focaccia bread £16.70
 Fillet of Lyme Bay Plaice pan roasted and served with chorizo roasted potato and pepper confit. Provencale dressing £16.90
 Devonshire Rib Eye steak served with peppercorn, cream and brandy sauce, onion rings, chips and salad £18.90
 Roast Devon Duck Breast Watercress and potato gratin with red wine duck gravy 'Bourguignon' style £18.50
 Slow Roasted Shoulder of Dorset Lamb topped with root vegetable mash served with port, red current jelly and mint gravy £17
 Vegetarian dish of the day £14.40

Sides

Chips, salad, vegetables of the day, £3.50
 Basket of bread £2.50

Valentine's Menu

To Start..

Cream of Asparagus Soup with smoke artichoke puree & asparagus powder
Carpaccio of local venison Sea salt and spice rub, beetroot, ginger & sweet chilli salsa
Little lobster Thermidore Portland lobster in our special Thermidor sauce, on toasted brioche
Porcini mushroom and Parmesan Ravioli Wild mushroom, cream sauce

To Follow..

Devon beef cooked two ways Seared fillet cooked to order presented with a slow roasted shin of beef 'cottage pie'. Juice from the roast & thyme gravy
Chicken kiev Classic garlic and parsley butter in a panko crumb with pea puree & giant chips
Lyme Bay line caught sea bass Pan roasted and served on a prawn and chorizo paella, sundried tomato and basil jus
Roasted Mediterranean vegetable cassoulet Garnished with fried mushroom and sun blushed tomato polenta, and little truffle risotto croquets

To Finish..

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Glorilla!

French actress Gloria Delaneuf brings new show to Dorset

FOLLOWING on from their award-winning debut show 'Gloriator', 'Glorilla' is the hilarious new show from French and English comedy duo Spitz & Co.

Kerry Bartlett, Artsreach Co-Director said "We've heard brilliant things about this emerging new company from other counties, and can't wait to present this brand new show to audiences across Dorset. With the support of local solicitors Blanchards Bailey, we are delighted to be presenting three nights of Glorilla in rural Dorset."

Acclaimed French actress and international animal communicator, Gloria Delaneuf returns to the UK to talk about her life-changing experience with the gorillas of the Kungulunga Jungle. Assisted by her UK tour manager Josephine Cunningham, she is de-



Gloria Delaneuf in Glorilla!

termined to show that man and gorilla can live "sans frontieres".

Part lecture, dramatic-reconstruction and live-demonstration, expect an evening of unrivalled physical comedy that will stay with you forever! Suitable for ages 13+

Glorilla! will be performed at West Stafford Village Hall on Saturday, February 11th at 7.30pm. For more details or to book visit www.artsreach.co.uk or call 01305 265282.

Imaginative Family Theatre for Half Term

Did you ever have an imaginary friend? A little piece of mischief only you could see? Join PaddleBoat Theatre this half term as they bring their delightful production 'Margot & Mr Whatsit' to Dorset through Artsreach, the counties arts charity.

Sophia's imaginary friend is called Mr. Whatsit, and he's always there with a new joke to tell and a new game to play - that is, until the day she unimagines him. Now there's a new imaginary friend in town -

the tea-drinking, lipstick-wearing, ever-confident Margo. Can Mr. Whatsit's childish playfulness keep him from being unimagined forever? And as Sophia's imagination goes to war, will she manage to find peace in her new home?

Born from the vibrant city of Exeter, PaddleBoat Theatre are committed to delivering high-quality productions for children and families across the South-West.

PaddleBoat Theatre Company present a lively and imag-

inative tale full of mime, puppetry, music, clowning and object play and invite you to enter Sophia's world, where the real and the imaginary collide and friends are never far away. Suitable 4+

The show comes to Cerne Abbas Village Hall on Saturday, February 18th at 11am - for more details call 01300 341332. The show will then head to Winfrith Village Hall on Saturday, February 18th at 4pm - 01305 852117.

More big names announced for Camp Bestival 2017

Anne-Marie, Reverend and the Makers, The Skints and more added to the bill

FIRING UP your imagination and getting creative is a big part of the Camp Bestival experience. From dressing up as Pop Stars and Rock Stars; getting your glitter on in Art Town and wood-working in Spinney Hollow; to awesomely entertaining circus acrobats, wondrous theatre shows and the simple joys of cavorting with your nearest and dearest, the possibilities for creative play will be everywhere in the tenth anniversary festival holiday wonderland. So, delve into the innovative and inspirational and get creative and be free! And once your inner-artist is content, grab your dancing shoes and join us for record breaking disco ball action, lots more DJ love and fantastic live music with some proper pop stars too, from July 27-30th at Lulworth Castle.

Rob da Bank, Camp Bestival curator says: "The Camp Bestival story continues to hot up with Anne-Marie and Reverend and the Makers joining the party. We are also hiring a ruddy huge crane to bring you the World's Largest Disco Ball, and not just with any old DJs, but with a stellar cast of late night party starters from Sara Cox and the Inspiral Carpets' Clint Boon to our mate Bez and a brand-new teen night too... see you at the castle"

He's the king of kids' TV when it comes to things to make and do, so organisers are super-excited to announce that Mister Maker will be making his debut at this year's Camp Bestival. A well-spring of inventiveness and a master of colour and shapes, Mister Maker is a sure-fire source of inspiration when it comes to creative play and we can wait to see him.

The Bear & the Piano will also be live in the Dingley Dell. Winner of 2016's Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Best Illustrated Book, don't miss this series of magical storytelling sessions, craft and musical workshops based on David Litchfield's beautiful story of friendship.

There'll also be jaw-dropping spectacles including the amorous automaton, The Love Bot, the return of the World's Biggest Bouncy Castle and the Bestival Inflatable Church & Wedding Disco. And there will be craftsmanship and wood carving galore in Spinney Hollow, bugtastic acrobatics as The Insect Circus presents the Greatest Show on Earth, and the ramshackle wonders of Caravanserai.

You'll be able to build your magnum opus and design the ultimate glam get up when you get involved with Art Town: Pop Stars & Rock Stars Creations. And you can marvel at Marawa's Majorettes and join in off-the-wall fun and games with the Bestival Bluecoats. With so much more to explore throughout the weekend make sure you join in with all the creativity.

As part of the tenth anniversary celebrations, Camp Bestival organisers are thrilled that one of their biggest and best ever record-breaking creations, The World's Largest Disco Ball, will be coming to Camp Bestival. But that's not all, there'll be uninhibited entertainment at a brand new dance destination bathed in the mirrored globe's glittering light with a series of ace Big Discos.



Anne-Marie

So, don't miss the daily Kids' Disco every evening, with Rob da Bank & friends getting the tots rocking. And there will be some proper late night disco action for mums and dads too.

Friday night's Big Disco action will come courtesy of Sara Cox presents Just Can't Get Enough 80s with a luxuriance of big-haired dancefloor gems, and Inspiral Carpets' Clint Boon with his Big Boonarmy Bash playing hits from the cream of the indie scene. Saturday will see misunderstood broadcasting genius Barry Peters (AKA The Cuban Brothers' main man Miguel) taking yacht rock to improbable new heights with Halifax Hospital

Radio Live, while Sunday's refulgent rave-up will have us throwing shapes to Happy Monday's legend Bez and his Indie Disco to Hacienda House Set. And making sure there's dancefloor action for everyone, there'll also be a Teen Big Disco Party - featuring grime, hip-hop, rock and pop with some special guest DJs.

Upping Camp Bestival's tenth anniversary dance game big time, there'll

also be booty shaking sets from Eats Everything who will be going on an old skool tip, bass-led grooves from Shadow Child and Greco Roman Soundsystem, while hardcore behaviour is to be expected from Raindance who will be winding up the whistle posse with Altern-8, Daniel Billy Bunter, Shades of Rhythm, DJ Faydz, Liquid, Rachel Wallace and 2 Bad Mice. Plus, we'll have hip-swinging manoeuvres from Lady Jane Bongo, Jim8track, DJ Dapper Dan and Dr DJ & Bollywood Dancers.

She's the queen of the charts having just spent nine weeks on the top spot with 'Rockabye' her collaboration with Clean Bandit, so we are over the moon to reveal that Anne-Marie will be helping us to celebrate Camp Bestival's tenth anniversary! An undeniable superstar, Anne Marie has a history of blowing crowds away whenever she plays, so hold on to your hats when she hits the Castle stage for what will be an unmissable set of sublime pop music! And ensuring there's plenty more live music across the weekend there will also be performances from Sheffield quintet Reverend and The Makers, sea shanty super stars Skinny Lister, tastemakers' top pick Louis Berry, Brit-reggae quartet The Skints, The Voice star Laura Oakes, exotic psychedelia from Flamingods, the veritable heart and soul of the 80s TPau and Liverpool's finest The Christians.

From artistry and imagination to rocking out and cutting loose, they've got it all at Camp Bestival in 2017.

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ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

A little theatre overdose before travelling to Oz

I THINK I've done it. My theatre addiction has finally gotten the better of me and I overdosed this week.

Six shows in four days, plus four interviews with the stars of the West End has left me with some worrying symptoms, including an inexplicable need to stand and applaud whenever someone does anything even remotely merit worthy as well as an innate moth like attraction to bright lights.

I've also started to randomly break into song whenever someone says anything that even remotely resembles a song lyric - although I think that's an affliction I've harboured for a while - and I've started using any slightly solid flooring area to practice tap dancing and moonwalking.

It has been a fantastic week however, filled with a variety of shows from plays to pantomimes and obviously, the obligatory sprinkling of musical theatre mixed in to

make the dreary weather and tumultuous political climate fade into the background.

After a busy day in the Lyme Regis office, I had a tricky trip up to capital with the trains not playing ball but eventually managed to get myself along to the Adelphi Theatre for my seventh helping of the joyful *Kinky Boots*, along with my friend, fellow theatrical devotee and blogger, West End Wilma.

This is still one of the best musicals in London in my opinion; so uplifting and filled with much needed themes of acceptance. With music by Cyndi Lauper the multi award winning show never fails to leave me beaming and is a definite recommendation.

Then I went to see Oscar winner, Mark Rylance in *Nice Fish* at The Harold Pinter Theatre. I couldn't tell you what it was about, because I have no idea. I'm sure the more clever critics

will be able to give a deep meaning to it, but I spent much of the performance feeling as if I was in a parallel universe.

Luckily the day was saved by my visit to the Lyric Hammersmith to see a new musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr Fox*. With some lovely music and lots of adult naughtiness cleverly woven in, I had a whale of a time. This is a show for the whole family, which will tour the UK after its London run and is well worth a visit.

With my head filled and frazzled, my next theatre excursion may not have been such a good idea, but having never experienced *Stomp* before, I decided to pop along and see just how a show which involves banging bin lids together has managed to entertain audiences in the West End for over 25 years.

I found the blend of clowning and percussive dance surprisingly entertaining,



■ **LADY IN RED:** Amy Wheatley in *Little Red Riding Hood* in Bridport

although the omission of dialogue and music does make it lack purpose.

It was then time for some free food and fun at the Faulty Towers interactive dining experience. I learned quite early on in my career that eating in the capital is expensive, so I try my best to blag free food at every possible opportunity.

Sadly the cuisine on offer from Basil, Sybil and Manuel was mediocre, however it was a hugely entertaining evening.

The Faulty Towers Dining

Experience will visit Exeter's Northcott Theatre later this year.

I then polished off my theatrical marathon by heading over to Bridport to see their pantomime version of *Little Red Riding Hood*. With an abundance of youthful exuberance and some hugely engaging portrayals, it was a great way to end the week.

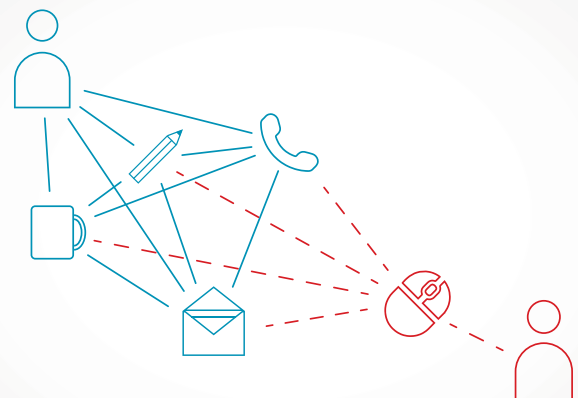
Next week I'm off to the other side of the world, hopefully for a bit of sunshine. The Aussie's aren't quite so keen on their theatre, but I have managed to find a cou-

ple of shows to stave off my theatrical cold turkey.

I'm going to watch Disney's musical version of *Aladdin*, which I saw in the West End last year and a critically acclaimed play called the Testament of Mary, which is fulfilling a limited run at the Sydney Opera house.

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■ **FOXY FUN:** Greg Barnett and Richard Atwill in *Fantastic Mr Fox*

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A WORKING-CLASS African-American father tries to raise his family in the 1950s, while coming to terms with the events of his life.

Stars Denzel Washington, Viola Davis and Stephen Henderson.

THE SPACE BETWEEN US PG

THE first human born on Mars travels to Earth for the first time, experiencing the wonders of the planet through fresh eyes. He embarks on an adventure with a street smart girl to discover how he came to be.

Stars Gary Oldman, Asa Butterfield and Carla Gugino.

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18.10, 19.00, 19.30, 20.00, 20.30

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Thu: 17.10, 21.10

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Fri-Wed: 11.20am, Thu: 10.40am

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Thu: 20.30

Sing 2D U

Fri: 16.30

Sat: 11.15, 13.45, 16.30

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The Lego Batman Movie U

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Trolls U

Sat-Thu: 10.00am

Something Better

FOLLOWING the international sell-out success of her previous show 'Cara Josephine' across the UK, Europe, in Australia and New York, the star of BBC Radio 4's Romance and Adventure, All of the Planet's Wonders and presenter of Short Cuts tours her eighth solo stand-up show nationwide in 2017.

Josie's 34. She thought by now that she would have children, and be in love, and have a country that didn't vote with the far right parties to march us all off a cliff. And that she would be able to do all the awesome stuff that activists do. She thought we would have won by now. Oh, and she wanted to be taller and better looking.

This is a show about optimism and hopefulness, about looking for people and finding things to look up to. It's about wanting more from life than it might be up for giving out. It's about struggling with realising what you are, who you are and what you can't change about yourself, and about really feeling like an outsider for the first time. It's a bit about having faith in younger people, and friendship, and activism, and solidarity. Actually, she's been busy interviewing activists about what they do and why, so it's also about politics and making things happen. And there's probably a bit where she pretends to be a push-button shower, so it should be silly and fun too, with a few exciting bits in it.

Josie Long brings 'Something Better' to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 1st at 8pm. Tickets are £15 (full) and £13 (concessions). For more details and to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138

Free goodies at a farmers' market near you

FEBRUARY has the perfect reason (if you needed one!) to buy some delicious local food and drink to show the special person in your life that you love them. Also during February, producers at our farmers markets around the County will have extra tasters for you to 'taste before you buy' with their products were made, reared, caught or grown or just the best way to cook them - they are all passionate about what they do and full of knowledge and enthusiasm - you don't get that at your local supermarket!

During February we are also offering a FREE Dorset Farmers Market bag for life if you make a purchase at three or more stalls at one of our markets and the Dorset Coffee Co. will be giving away FREE coffee to raise funds for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8th

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club competition. "Water" judged by Tim Booth. 7.30pm Chancery House, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 482658.

DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema presents 'The Artisticat's' and the Wallace and Gromit favourite 'A Grand Day Out'. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm. Tea and biscuits will be served during the showing for just £1.50, ice creams will also be available. Everyone welcome to Age UK Dorchester's centre in Prince of Wales Road, a great afternoon of animated fun on the big screen entertainment. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9th

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Speakers on a range of topics, followed by refreshments and time to talk to friends and make new ones. Held on the second Thursday of most months. The February meeting presentation will be by Martin Stephen of the National Trust, who will show pictures of Max Gate, Hardy's Cottage and Clouds Hill, all local properties. Start at 2.15pm and the charge is £1, which includes a biscuit and a cup of tea/coffee. All welcome. For more details call 01305 269834.

DORCHESTER: 'Red Hot Chillis & Cool Veg' talk by Joy Michaud of Sea Spring Farm. At the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. 7pm for 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £2.50, students £1 at the door.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9th - WEDS MARCH 1st

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis's Town Mill is proud to host its second Printmakers Open. This unique exhibition will showcase over 50 of the best West Country printmakers and feature work made using the full range of different print techniques (etching, silkscreen, linocut, monoprint). Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

LYME REGIS: Coastline is a 2D and 3D art exhibition by over 20 Dorset and Devon artists who are responding to the iconic Jurassic Coast, its people and local history, its geology and palaeontology, its colours, shapes and rhythms. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10th

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Horseshoes competition selection. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. Social and information morning. 10.00am in Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. Come for free coffee and chat, a chance to meet leaders of more than fifty interest and activity groups, to find out more about the U3A, and to join in if you wish. At 10.30am, a special welcome and introduction for new and recently-joined members. Members and non-members all welcome. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297 444566.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11th

BRIDPORT: Bridport Seed Swap, 10am-12noon. At Ropemakers Inn, West St. Join this informal and jolly gathering of local gardeners and swap your surplus seeds for some other seedy gems and surprises. There are always plenty, so feel free to simply come and take some for a donation to charity if you don't have any surplus. For more info call Eileen on 01308 421678

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13th

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk

BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents 'Bridget Jones's Baby' in the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton 01308 862715. Week-days 9.30-12.30 and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, £5.50 on the door.

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEYMOUTH: The next meeting of the Radipole &

Southill Horticultural Society will be held at the Southill Community Centre at 7.30pm. The invited speaker comes from the Gardens Group and will presenting on the subject of 'From Grower to Garden Centre'. Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14th

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14th - SATURDAY 18th

BUCKLAND NEWTON: Piddle Valley Players proudly presents Guys and Dolls, at Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Netwon and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15th

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Glasgow Girls' speaker Jennie Spiers. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16th

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm.

Speaker Emily Morris on 'The Donkey Sanctuary'.

PORTLAND: Open Day at The Islanders Club for Young People, East Weare Road, Verne Common, Portland DT5 1ES from 11 to 2pm. All are welcome to come and see what's on offer, both for young people and for the wider community. All facilities, including activity room, sports hall, meeting room, tv lounge and kitchen will be open for inspection and are available for hire. The club is also looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out come and have a look.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17th

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club talk. Speaker Simon Emmett, local photographer. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18th

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BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'The Girl on the Train' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. £4 for film club members, £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071. Organised by Bothenhampton Village Hall Committee.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20th

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The Devon and Dorset Old Comrades Association meeting. The association meets every third Monday of the month at 11am at Had-don House in West Bay.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21st

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22nd

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's first talk of 2017, by Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens, at Uplyme Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is entitled 'Four Head Gardeners Explore the Wilds of Chile', and will describe the adventures of Steve and three companions who retraced the steps of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter. Tea and biscuits will be available, members enter free but visitors pay £3.

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WITH the new BMW M760Li xDrive, the freshly launched new BMW 7 Series is gaining a prestigious flagship model. Headlined by its exceptional refinement and supreme power delivery at all times, the 12-cylinder petrol engine with M Performance TwinPower Turbo technology under the bonnet reinforces the new car's range-topping status. The boldly dynamic driving characteristics of the BMW M760Li xDrive combine with superior ride comfort to make a compelling statement and set a new benchmark in the luxury sedan segment.

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M760Li xDrive V12 Excellence is available at no extra cost. This character variant significantly alters the personality of the BMW M760Li xDrive, shedding the M aerodynamic package and adding 20-inch BMW Individual light-alloy wheels in W-spoke 646 design high-gloss polished with mixed-size tyres (front: 245/40 R20, rear: 275/35 R20). There is also a high-gloss Black finish for the brake callipers. Customers choosing the V12 Excellence model can expect

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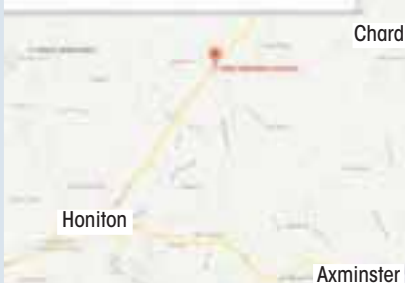
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Dorchester Town 1
Merthyr Town 2

Evo-Stik South Prem - att; 469
A SENSATIONAL start that saw Ben Wood give Dorchester Town the lead in under 15 seconds was not enough to kick start the Magpies and new manager Craig Laird's fortunes at The Avenue on Saturday, as visitors Merthyr Town hit back to equalise five minutes later, and then scored what proved the winner after just 18 minutes of a frenetic first half.

Laird included new loan signing Jordan Williams from Weston-super-Mare, and Ollie Bassett who was returning for a second loan period from Yeovil Town. John Vance was given his first start after making his debut as a substitute the previous week, whilst another new face Ollie Griggs was on the bench.

The Martyrs, managed by former Yeovil legend Gavin Williams, were looking to consolidate second spot in the Evo-Stik South Premier, a point behind Chippenhams Town who had beaten the Magpies 4-0 the previous week.

Dorchester looking for their first win in eight matches got the best start they could have wanted when Wood disposed of Curtis McDonald as he dwelt on the ball, and ran on to confidently stroke the ball past the advancing Oliver Davies in the Merthyr goal.

The Martyrs looked to hit back immediately and they got the equaliser on six minutes when Scott Barrow's long corner found Ryan Prosser free to head just inside the far post.

The big striker might have scored again two minutes later when he found himself once again alone eight yards from goal, but Matt Oldring reacted brilliantly to block his shot.

As expected the Martyrs, who are the second highest scorers in the league looked to attack, but so did Dorchester despite their lack of firepower this season, and both sides created a number of opportunities.

It was from one of the Magpies attacks that saw the visitors take the lead in the 18th minute.

When David Gerrard's shot was deflected into the path of Woods whose goalbound effort was booted off the line by Barrow.

Ian Traylor, who proved a source of several scares for the home defence throughout the game, collected the ball on the halfway line before beating Oldring and releasing Eliot Richards beyond the Magpies defence.

He drew and rounded keeper Shane Murphy and just managed to cut the ball back inside the near post as a recovering Oldring closed in to challenge. New signing Williams was making an impression down the left on his debut for Dorchester, and caused full back Adam Davies a number of

problems, whilst the robust Prosser and Walker provided a good contest, although it looked like the Merthyr striker clearly pushed the Magpies captain in the back before blazing a close range volley over the bar.

There was an unsavoury incident on the half hour when Richards went to ground in the box following a challenge from Walker, but referee Phillip Eddie was close by and immediately cautioned Richards for simulation.

Following some words between the two players it appeared that Richards struck Walker with his hand or shoulder high up on the chest, but Eddie unexpectedly only spoke to him rather than producing a red card.

Two minutes later he was replaced by Jarrod Wright.

Merthyr started to increase the pressure but failed to create anything as on the home defence held firm and it was Dorchester that went closest when after good interplay with Williams, Woods angled drive was well held by the keeper.

The second half was a much more sedate affair, as the heavy pitch, by now starting to cut up, started to take its toll resulting in tired legs and misplaced passes.

Opportunities on goal were sporadic. Just before the hour Gerard's effort from 30 yards was too high, before Traylor intercepted a pass and surged forward beating two players, but then fired wide.

Adam Davies who was lucky to only receive a yellow when he was late on Bassett, then volleyed wide after a throw-in dropped to him.

With Dorchester looking less likely to break down the second meaneast defence in the league, Laird made a triple substitution, sending on the youthful trio of Tom Blair, Griggs and Billy Mitchell.

Blair almost made an immediate impact when he picked up a rebound and surged forward into the box. Unfortunately his left foot angled shot just cleared the far angle of the goalframe.

However, Merthyr confidently saw out the game to keep the pressure on Cirencester at the top, whilst Dorchester will reflect on a better performance but be aware they need to start gaining points to avoid a relegation battle.

Portland United 3 Bashley 1
Sydenhams Wessex Premier-PORTLAND United dug in to keep their winning run going against a dogged Bashley side that caused them more problems than most this season.

The Blues, in front of a healthy crowd of 222 boosted by a sizeable travelling contingent, found it hard to adapt to the Bash's set-up and as a conse-

quence were caught between playing their natural game and a fear of over committing themselves, and as a result it became a game of chess with neither side totally committed to attack.



◆ TOP MAN: Lewis Whyton receives the Man-of-the-Match award from Portland United Club Secretary Randle Gates after Saturday's 3-1 win over Bashley.
Photo via twitter/@portlandUnited

Assistant manager Mark Carter said: "It wasn't a vintage performance. They set up to make the pitch very big using their full backs in an attacking mode, and we found it difficult to adapt to, and as a result the game became quite stagnant in the middle third. It was more a spoiling tactic that worked as we became sloppy in our first touch and passing."

"As well as trying to play their own game, I think our players were mindful of not being punished."

"However, apart from a couple of excellent saves from Jordan Mullis in the second half they never really threatened us."

"The players also had to contend with a wind that became gusty at times which played its part in the result."

The opening 20 minutes were fairly even with Portland shading possession, and they opened the scoring with a goal in which the wind played its part.

The visiting keeper, reacting to Alex Halloran's inswinging corner which caught on the wind, was impeded by his own defender and the ball sailed over his head and directly into the net.

Soon after, a great first touch from MOM Lewis Clarke saw him clear of the Bash defence but the keeper spread himself and saved well with his outstretched foot.

Portland made a great start to the second half scoring after five minutes when Ross Doidge found Clarke who turned his marker and played in Alex Godfrey who calmly finished from the edge of the box.

Bashley reacted with their only dangerous assault on the home goal with Mullis having to first get down to palm

away a long range effort before again getting down low, this time to pull off a great one handed save from a header.

After another period of neutrality, Bashley pulled a goal back ten minutes from time with another wind affected goal.

The visitors broke away and a long cross appeared to be drifting well over Mullis' crossbar on a gust of wind. However the wind suddenly abated and the ball dropped over the keeper's head and into the net.

However, Jamie Beasley, back after suspension and on as a substitute, made the game safe for the Blues almost immediately when Ryan McKechnie found the winger who sidestepped his marker and fired his shot across the keeper into the far corner.

This Saturday Portland travel to eight placed Brockenhurst as they look to consolidate their third spot.

DORSET PREMIER
ONLY two games survived the recent wet weather.

More Town beat visitors Sturminster Newton 2-1, whilst in the late game played on Hamworthy United Reserves artificial pitch, it was their visitors, Gillingham Town Reserves who came away with the points after a 1-0 win.

Current top scorers;
23 - Dan Andrews (Balti Sports).
20 - Graham Rose (Swanage).
19 - Josh Hunter (Bridport Res).
19 - Nathan Saxby (Holt Utd).
18 - Ricki Lane (Balti Sports).

DORSET LEAGUE
Senior Division
ONLY three games were played in the Senior League on Saturday due to waterlogged pitches. Witchampton thrashed hosts Piddletrenthide Utd 8-0.

Allendale also won on their travels 4-3 at Blandford Utd Reserves thanks to goals from George Kniff (2), Lorne Cooper-

Blaney and an OG. Paul Ford (2) and Simon Hide netted for Blandford.

Meanwhile, Mick Mitchell and Luke Scoble scored for Poole Borough as they won 2-1 at home to PORTLAND UTD RESERVES with substitute Jordan Moore on target for the visitors.

Division One
BROADSTONE and Corfe Castle played out a nine-goal thriller with Broadstone taking all three points courtesy of strikes from Mike Todd (2), Martyn Bennett, Dan Dwyer and Ciaran J Miller.

Ryan Catano, Courtney Johnson, Bobby McCuish and Charlie March replied for Corfe.

Elsewhere, a Rob Maxted goal couldn't save PORTLAND UNITED YOUTH in a 2-1 defeat against visitors Tisbury.

Division Three
STURMINSTER Marshall extended their lead at the top winning 4-0 with goals from J.Wood (2), A.Clarke and R.Davies against visitors Allendale A.

Handley Sports Society had few problems in beating hosts Pimperne 7-1 with goals from Jack Leonard (2), Darren Munday (2), Adam Day, Ben Edmunds and George Gibbs.

Meanwhile, Dave Atkins and Luke Sattkins netted for PORTLAND TOWN A in a 4-2 reverse at Marnhall.

Division Four
A GLENN Morgan hat trick and one for Nigel Cowler were enough for Lytchett & Upton Red Triangle to beat defeat leaders Swanage RBL 4-2.

PORTLAND TOWN B and PORTESHAM UTD RESERVES shared the points as they drew 4-4. John Cameran (2), Ryan Langdon and Matt Brown scored for Portland.

Finally, Wool & Winfrith beat Marnhall Reserves 5-3 with goals from Dan Pitman (2), Dave Lynch, Jim Windcott and Matt Light.

Rugby

Seasiders back
to winning waysBOURNEMOUTH 3RD XV 5
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND 30D&W Div One (S)
WEYMOUTH & Portland finally got back to winning ways with their first Dorset & Wilts Division One South victory since the end of November.

Following five wins, they them suffered four losses, and finally broke the spell with the win which sees them leapfrog hosts Bournemouth into fifth place.

However, it didn't look too good at the start. With three players delayed en route near Dorchester, they kicked off with the bare 15 and no replacements.

The cavalry finally arrived and the Seasiders powered to victory with Bryn Llewellyn, JT Moncher, Carl Neal and James Davis all scoring tries and Ryan Lewendon adding two penalties to two conversions.

First team manager Vaughan Carter said after the game: "To be honest when we kicked off with 15 players and no replacements I thought here we go again; a scratch side out and another defeat; but how wrong I was."

"The lads produced some of the best rugby we have played all season. Former Wimbledon prop Ben Davis made his debut for us, and now I think we have found another leader in the pack."

"Also 18-year-old James Davis started at hooker, then moved to scrum half when the latecomers arrived and he performed exceptionally well in both positions."

"Considering the situation we found ourselves in, the team gelled from the kick off and we controlled the game for most of the 80 minutes."

"So now I hope we have turned the corner and can tally up some more wins and more league points."

Dorset & Wilts Div 1(S) Pld Pts
Yeovil14 70
Wimborne II14 58
Salisbury II14 57
DORCHESTER14 45
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND14 36
Bournemouth III14 35
Oakmeadians14 32
Lytchett Minster14 31
Swanage & W II14 20
North Dorset II14 17
East Dorset14 1
Sherborne II14 13

Yeovil Town news

Way loads up

YEOVIL Town manager Darren Way topped up his squad by swooping for three players on transfer deadline night as he looks towards the final third of the season writes *Stuart Broom*.

Following a 2-1 victory over promotion chasing Plymouth Argyle to break a run of eight league games without a win on the same evening, and a 1-1 draw at lowly Hartlepool United last Saturday, the Glovers sit in no man's land being nine points off a play-off palace and eleven points above relegation.

Whichever way it goes, he is going to need a full strength squad as there are no chances now to add to it before the end of the season as even emergency loans are banned.

As a result he has added Jean-Louis Akpo Akpro (Barnet), Kabongo Tshimanga (MK Dons) and Owain Jones (Swansea), all forwards, on half-season loan deals.

They join other forwards Shayon Harrison who has also arrived on loan for six months from Tottenham Hotspur, and Brandon Goodship, who has joined permanently as a free agent from Bournemouth.

With defender Tom James also joining permanently on a six-month deal from Cardiff, Way has added six players to his squad as he looks to finish the season in style.

Despite all these imports, the loss of Ryan Hedges who was recalled by his club Swansea, prior to transferring to Championship side Barnsley, is a huge loss to the club.

His impact has been decisive in the Glovers success this season and will be sorely missed, and it was disappointing that he missed the last month at Huish Park through injury caused by a callous, calculated first minute brutal foul by Exeter City's Joel Brown on Boxing Day.

Way has been critical of his forwards for not scoring enough goals, and of course the facts prove this with Francois Zoko, Tom Eaves and Otis Khan all only having scored seven apiece.

Yes they can be accused of missing chances, but all strikers at any level do that, but do they get the service they need to produce the opportunities, and will any of the five Way has signed be any better? None have glowing references in relation to goals per games ratios.

At 32, Akpro has had plenty of Football League experience with Grimsby Town, Rochdale, Tranmere Rovers and Shrewsbury Town, but has only scored 51 goals in over 350 appearances, whilst 20-year-old Tshimanga has had a series of short term loan deals over the last couple of years and has scored just seven in 42 outings.

Although Jones scored 16 times in 20 games for Swansea's U18s he has no senior experience, whilst Harrison, an 83rd minute sub for Tottenham in their 2-1 EFL defeat to Liverpool in October, also has no other senior exposure.

Goodship who joined the Glovers on a month's loan a year ago, scoring once in ten appearances, also doesn't have a glowing record. Obviously Way feels the problem is up front and chosen accordingly.

Considering Zoko was out for several months with an injury and has already scored seven in 23 games, several coming on from the bench, suggest he is no slouch, whilst the tireless Eaves and Khan have also got reasonable records, he obviously feels they are missing something.

Whilst a point against Hartlepool might be considered two dropped it has proved a notoriously difficult place to go.

However, if the Glovers are to make progress up League Two they need to be converting these games into victories.

This Saturday's home fixture against second bottom Leyton Orient therefore is a must.

After lifting them into a play-off place at the beginning of December and seeing them fall from grace in January, the Glovers boss will hope that they are now back on track and ready to make a challenge once again for a play-off place.

However they have the difficult task of beating fifth places Luton Town tonight in the Checkatrade Trophy Third Round at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters managed by former Glover full back Nathan Jones will be a tough one with five out through injury or suspension and some of the new recruits ineligible.

Lyme Regis Cribbage

RESULTS (Jan 30th); New Inn Kilm A 3 Nags Head 2, Charlie's Angels 3 Steps 2, Dolphin 3 Ship Inn LR 0, Talbot Arms 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Lamb Swans 3 Ax Con Club 2.

Beer League: New Inn Kilm A 2 Nags Head 1, Charlie's Angels 2 Steps 1, Dolphin 1 Ship Inn LR

4, Talbot Arms 2 Gerrard Arms 1, Lamb Swans 2 Ax Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Monday, Feb 13th); Charlie's Angels v Talbot Arms, Steps v Gerrard Arms, Dolphin v Lamb Swans, Ship Inn LR v New Inn Kilm, Nags Head v Ax Con Club,

| Table - Week 18 | Pld | Pts | Beer League | Pld | Pts |
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| Nags Head, LR | 16 | 49 | Nags Head, LR | 16 | 30 |
| Gerrard Arms | 17 | 49 | Steps | 16 | 28 |
| Ship Inn, LR | 17 | 45 | Lamb Swans | 17 | 27 |
| New Inn Kilm A | 17 | 45 | Charlie's Angels | 16 | 26 |
| Ax Con Club | 16 | 41 | New Inn Kilm B | 16 | 26 |
| Dolphin, Beer | 16 | 40 | Ax Con Club | 17 | 24 |
| Lamb Swans | 17 | 40 | Gerrard Arms | 16 | 23 |
| Charlie's Angels | 16 | 39 | Dolphin, Beer | 16 | 21 |
| Talbot Arms | 16 | 38 | New Inn Kilm A | 17 | 21 |
| Steps | 16 | 38 | Ship Inn, LR | 17 | 21 |
| New Inn Kilm B | 16 | 26 | Talbot Arms | 16 | 21 |

Basketball

Bandits still unbeaten after strong finish

Tres Barriles Predators 43 Weymouth Bandits 63

WEYMOUTH Bandits recently travelled to Portsmouth to take on the Predators at Charter Community sports centre.

In the first quarter the teams were on par defensively with five minutes passing by before the any points were on the board.

Tres Barriles broke the deadlock with a layup followed by a quick three-pointer from the corner.

Six minutes in and at last the Bandits, looking to maintain their unbeaten run, got moving with two points from Mark Gorman.

The hosts hit back immediately with another two points before the visitors found their range and dominated the scoring for the remainder of the quarter scoring nine of the next 11 points with baskets from Louis Weaver, Jim De Bertrand, Scott White and Gorman. However, this still left the visitors short by one ending the quarter 11-10 behind.

The Bandits came out in the second with all guns blazing as they took the first three baskets. Captain Chris Canham led the way with Josh Westlake and White netting the others.

The Predators then got back in the

game, but two three-pointers from Tom Storey and Canham pushed the visitors to 31-22 lead going in to the break.

Into the third, and the Bandits defence was proving hard for the hosts to break down.

More baskets from Gorman, Weaver and White were taking their toll on the Predators as the visitors increased their lead to 14.

The final quarter saw the highest points tally of the game as the two teams traded baskets with De Bertrand, Westlake and Weavers scores matched by the hosts.

But The Bandits started to increase

their lead courtesy of Storey and Canham.

The referees had had a quiet game, allowing the game to flow, but in this quarter they were kept busy as a quick succession fouls came about from both teams.

The Bandits kept pushing and finished the game strongly with more points from Gorman, White, Canham and Carl Carter getting on the sheet.

Scores: Mark Gorman 16, Louis Weaver 12, Chris Canham 10, Josh Westlake 8, Scott White 6, Tom Storey 5, Jim De Bertrand 4, Carl Carter 2.

Table Tennis

Strong show from Weymouth youngsters

THREE teams of budding table tennis players from Budmouth College, Weymouth produced superb displays at the recent National Schools Team Table Tennis Championships Zonal Final where they competed against teams from Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Bristol.

It couldn't have been a tougher start for the **Boys U16 team** of Jamie Blair, Will Jolliffe, Ethan Gear & Tom Lydford who played Egguckland College in Plymouth in the first match. With both considered joint favourites to win their group, it turned out to be the "Match of the Day"!

Blair got things underway with a stunning 3-2 victory over Leon Zacharkiw, having lost the first two legs, but with Jolliffe losing to Uther Kingdom, and Lydford going down 1-3 it was left to a rejuvenated Gear to level things up with a 3-0 win.

When Blair and Jolliffe both lost their second matches things didn't look good, but Gear gave another scintillating performance winning 3-0, leaving Lydford with all the pressure on his young shoulders. However, at 8-8 in the fifth and final leg the youngster kept his head to ensure a 4-4 draw.

Budmouth were declared winners of the tie on count back by 17 legs to 16.

The other two matches were much more straightforward as they claimed 7-1 and 6-2 victories over Bournemouth School for Boys and Haygrove School, Bridgwater, respectively. As winners, Budmouth go on to the Regional Finals to be held in Bristol on March 5th.

The **Girls U16 team** of Rosa McKechnie, Jaimee Browne, Ella Stanton & Sophie Storey were playing at this level for the first time, but they exceeded all expectations. They got off to a wonderful, start as they demolished Haygrove 7-1.

McKechnie led the way with two victories, but the match of the tie saw Storey trading shots in a tense five-leg match and at 8-10 down in the decider, some superb clean hitting took her to a 12-10 win.

The Budmouth girls then played Okehampton Community



◆ **THROUGH TO REGIONAL FINAL:** The Girls under 16 team, from left; Rosa McKechnie, Sophie Storey, Ella Stanton and Jaimee Browne.

College who were the national U13 champions two years ago and although they fought hard, Budmouth were outclassed 8-0.

The last match was against Bournemouth School for Girls. McKechnie and Stanton both managed wins but the BSG girls surged into a 4-2 lead. Remarkably, both Storey and Browne then scored crucial victories to earn a 4-4 draw. As a result, the Budmouth finished runners-up in the group and progress to the Regional Finals in Bournemouth on March 4th.

The **Boys U13 team** of Ben Howe, Jed Brackenridge, George Ackerley & Ted Paul were also new to this level but acquitted themselves really well. They won their opening match 6-2 against St Laurence School from Bradford-on-Avon, but then suffered two 3-5 defeats to Wellington School and Bristol-based QE Hospital School.

In their final match, Bournemouth School for Boys ran out 7-1 winners to clinch the group, but many of the games were extremely close and the Budmouth Boys were certainly not out of place in such company.

Indoor Bowls - news from Bridport and Moonfleet clubs

Skipper Hedges puts Bridport in play-offs

CAPTAIN Phil Hedges came to the rescue of his team mates to see Bridport A through to the play-offs of the Dorset over 60s league.

It looked an impossible dream as Barry Mapson, Mel Griffiths and Phil Hedges trailed 9-1 early on in their penultimate match home to Dorchester A, but in a dramatic finish Hedges drew three fantastic woods over the last two ends to ease a win by 17-15.

With Brian Baker, Huw Rees and Mike Fletcher destroying their opponents 29-7 it gave them the maximum six points and ensured them of second place in League A.

With Dolphin taking a maximum against Dorset Resorts to kill off their chances of a top two place, it is now down to the final game with the Poole side heading into it with a two point advantage over Bridport.

Whilst leaders Dolphin entertain second bottom Dorchester, Bridport travel to bottom side Bournemouth knowing that they cannot afford to slip up.

With the winners of section A playing the runner-up of section B and vice versa, and the final placings still undecided in League B, Bridport opponents will be decided once the final round of games have been completed.

Although Bridport B also picked up maximum points at home to Dorchester B and leapfrog their opponents into third in

League B, they can't make the play-offs.

Tony Bartlett, Mike Craddock and Keith Jenkins thumped their opponents 32-16, whilst Peter Sandall, Brian Pratt and Paul Hallett finished with a one count to squeeze home 15-14.

Bridport A ladies were 28-32 down at home against second placed Bournemouth A in the County Division One with one end left.

But Margaret Pestelle, Liz Walker, Pamela Daters and Sue Walsh scored a three count, and Lyn Craddock, Laura Taylor, Nola Stephens and PatCole a two count on the final end to give Bridport the win and six of the available eight points.

Pat Cowmeadow, Penny Pither, Barbara Jenkins and Jenny Harding picked up two points for the B team in their County League Division Two game at Dolphin B, winning 19-14.

However, Erica Sarson, Beryl Stork, Anne Parkins and Jan Tattershall lost 14-27.

Tight games for Moonfleet

Moonfleet B 39 Dorchester C 38 MOONFLEET B entertained Dorchester C in a tense and exciting game in the Ladies County league.

Sue Pauli, Sue Trott, Penny Dewey & skip Irene Abery were neck and neck at 7-7 after six ends against the Dorchester rink skip-

pered by K Johns, but the visitors took control of the next four ends to move into a 16-

7 lead. It was then the turn of the Moonfleet quartet to dominate over the next six ends to close the gap and lie only two shots behind.

At 19-19 by the 13th end, the tension mounted as the hosts won one shot on the next only to concede one on the final end to finish with a 20-20 draw.

On the other rink Pam Hayward, Julie Watts, Jill Gwilliam & skip Judy Why looked in control over the first eight ends to open up a 12-4 lead against the Dorchester foursome led by skip C Jones.

The visitors then gradually began to add to their total and by end 16 the scores were level at 14-14.

The hosts won three of the next four ends to widen the gap again to 19-15 by the penultimate end.

Although it looked as though the match was going to the Moonfleet rink, the Dorchester foursome gave the hosts a fright by almost snatching it away.

An audible sigh of relief was heard as the three shots to Dorchester was not quite enough to stop the hosts claiming a 19-18 victory and an overall 39-38 total.

Moonfleet B 41 Dorset Resort 50 MOONFLEET B travelled through thick fog

to Dorset Bowls Resort for a Ladies County League fixture.

Mary Collins, Liz Laidlaw, Julie Watts & skip Trixie Dempsey had an incredibly close tussle with the scores being tied four times throughout the first half and with both rinks on 11-11 by end 11.

It then looked as if the hosts were taking control as they blocked out the Moonfleet quartet and moved ahead 19-14 by end 15.

The visitors, claiming a massive six-shot haul on end 17 nosed ahead only to find the scores tied yet again at 2-21 by end 18.

But Dorset Resort sealed the outcome by repeating a six-shot haul themselves on the penultimate end to finish with a 28-21 victory.

On the other rink Mary Dunne, Mary Corben, Ruby Spavins & skip Jill Gwilliam moved into a commanding lead against the Dorset Resort rink led by skip Liz Males.

At 11-3 by end eight, it looked as if the Moonfleet foursome were set to give the hosts a real challenge.

They kept up their tight control over the next seven ends to widen the gap to 18-8, but then the hosts went up several gears.

Winning five out of the remaining six ends, the Resort quartet added a massive 14 shots, leaving the Moonfleet rink having to settle for a 19-22 defeat.

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e February 4th.
Ladies George Nomination Cup: Hot Gossips 191 La Crème 198, Wootton Wobblers 188 Skitto's 131, Generations v Smashers (to be played on February 27th), Wild Pins v Rollercoasters - No result card.

Men's Division Two Curtis Nomination Cup: Roadrunners 170 President's Men 174, British Legion 195 Tornadoes 285.

Men's Division One George Nomination Cup: Young Guns 241 No Hoppers 287, Rousdon Rebels 218 Trappers 255, Flyers 160 Wreckers 157, Clue-

| Men's Div One | Pld | Pts | BL |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|
| Marksmen | 10 | 18 | 12 |
| No Hoppers | 10 | 18 | 12 |
| Flyers | 11 | 16 | 4 |
| Young Guns | 9 | 8 | 10 |
| Clueless | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| Trappers | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| Wreckers | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| Anthill Mob | 11 | 6 | 16 |
| Rousdon Rebels | 11 | 2 | 14 |

| Men's Div Two | Pld | Pts | BL |
|-----------------|-----|-----|----|
| Roadrunners | 8 | 13 | 10 |
| President's Men | 9 | 13 | 8 |
| Miscellaneous | 8 | 11 | 6 |

less 224 Marksmen 223.

Upcoming cup fixtures
Monday, February 20th
Ladies Bob Sweetland Cup Semi Finals: Rollercoasters v Hot Gossips, Wootton Wobblers v Wild Pins.

Wednesday, Feb 22nd

Men's Cornish Cup: Trappers v Clueless, Wreckers v Marksmen, Shakers - bye.

Friday, February 24th

Men's Cornish Cup: Rousdon Rebels v British Legion, Young Guns v No Hoppers, Flyers v Roadrunners, Tornadoes v Anthill Mob, President's Men v Alleytwits.

| Alleytwits | Pld | Pts | BL |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|
| Tornadoes | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| British Legion | 9 | 4 | 6 |
| Shakers | 9 | 3 | 10 |

| Ladies | Pld | Pts | BL |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|
| Skitto's | 10 | 16 | 14 |
| Wootton Wobb | 10 | 14 | 17 |
| Smashers | 10 | 11 | 8 |
| Rollercoasters | 10 | 9 | 12 |
| Hot Gossips | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Wild Pins | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| Generations | 9 | 4 | 4 |
| La Crème | 9 | 4 | 4 |

Seaton & District Snooker

Pike pots a 40

Results (Jan 31st); Sidmouth Cons 0+0 Honiton Wonderers 6+0, Honiton WMC 2+2 Colyton Feds 4+0, Chard Casuals 1+0 Colyton TC 5+0.

Breaks: Ben Pike 40.

Another fine away has seen reigning champions Honiton Wonderers extend their lead at the top of the table to a whopping 27 points.

Meanwhile, Colyton Feds lost two frames at Honiton Workies with only Stuart Orren winning two to continue his good form.

At Chard the Casuals suffered a hefty defeat at the hands of Colyton TC.

| League table | Pld | Pts | Bruce Miller Cup | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|------------------|-----|-----|
| Wonderers | 11 | 61 | Wonderers | 11 | 61 |
| Colyton TC | 10 | 34 | Chard Casuals | 10 | 49 |
| Colyton Feds | 10 | 30 | Sidmouth Cons | 10 | 41 |
| Chard Casuals | 10 | 27 | Colyton TC | 10 | 40 |
| Colyton ExCons | 10 | 26 | Colyton Feds | 10 | 38 |
| Sidmouth Cons | 10 | 21 | Honiton WMC | 10 | 29 |
| Honiton WMC | 10 | 17 | Colyton ExCons | 10 | 26 |

Bridport Darts

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Rob's Robbers | 12 | 23 |
| Wild Hung Clocks | 12 | 17 |
| BSC | 12 | 17 |
| Nomad | 11 | 17 |
| Five Sticky Fingers | 11 | 12 |
| Handy of Time | 11 | 11 |
| Not'n But Treble | 12 | 9 |
| Nags Head A | 12 | 5 |
| Les Miserables | 12 | 5 |
| Rubber Johns | 12 | 2 |

180s: Tony Young 7, Terry Prowse 6, Nigel Lamb 4, six players x3, nine players x2, 20 players x1.

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| The Stingers | 12 | 18 |
| Odds or Us | 12 | 18 |
| Respect-de-Bull | 12 | 18 |
| Young Darters | 12 | 18 |
| One for the Vikings | 12 | 15 |
| Elders | 12 | 13 |
| Otter Rotters | 12 | 5 |
| No Direction | 12 | 5 |
| Dat Team | 12 | 5 |
| Anchor Five | 12 | 5 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Mis Fitts | 12 | 22 |
| Dart Vaders | 12 | 17 |
| Poachers | 12 | 17 |
| The Surgeons | 12 | 16 |
| Midnight Runners | 12 | 12 |
| Tiger Bees | 12 | 10 |
| Anchor Vale Viewers | 12 | 9 |
| Flashes Fives | 12 | 8 |
| Royal Hawks | 12 | 6 |

| Time Bombs | Pld | Pts |
|---|-----|-----|
| 180s: Paul Gumbrell 2, Len Chalis, Ash Hawker, Alastair Coutts, S Bowditch, P Rowley, Howard Sellick, Graham Gumbrell & Danny Sorrell all x1. | 12 | 3 |

| Division Four | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Dodgers | 12 | 18 |
| Wicked Team Name | 12 | 18 |
| No Chance | 12 | 17 |
| -1-11 | 12 | 15 |
| The Nameless | 12 | 14 |
| Whamo | 12 | 12 |
| Odds & Sods | 12 | 10 |
| Sorted Odds | 12 | 8 |
| Hopeful Bashers | 12 | 7 |
| The Royal Nuts | 12 | 1 |

| Ladies Div One | Pld | Pts |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Anchor Aces | 18 | 34 |
| Barrows Awry | 18 | 28 |
| Queens Bees | 18 | 28 |
| Sue's Rebels | 18 | 26 |
| Cloaking On | 18 | 21 |
| Odd One Out | 18 | 21 |
| Queenies of the Club | 18 | 17 |
| Castaways | 18 | 16 |
| Against the Odds | 18 | 15 |
| Charlie's Angels | 18 | 12 |
| Don's Damsels | 18 | 12 |
| Good Mates | 18 | 8 |
| Dunking Aware | 17 | 7 |
| Tiger Stripes | 17 | 5 |

180s: Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all x1.

West Dorset Hockey

Late defeat for depleted Hawks

Bridgwater A 3 West Dorset Hawks 2
THE Hawks, missing four key players, gave a solid performance in the circumstances, but were beaten by the better side at the weekend.

The hosts were looking to avenge their 3-1 defeat in the reverse fixture earlier in the season, and got off to a good start as the Hawks looked to settle with a team that saw A team captain and goalkeeper Alex Drew playing on the right wing, and veteran Lee Connolly back in the first team after two years following hip surgery.

A well-worked move after five minutes put Bridgwater in front, but Hawks equalised with a rather fortunate goal. Alex Davies broke forward before setting up Drew. The keeper saved his first effort but was completely duped by his follow up which he mishit, and it trickled over the line.

Bridgwater had more possession in what was a scrappy game, and it needed keeper Tom Lowe to keep them at bay with some superb saves, but they did find the net again before the break to lead 2-1.

The second half followed a similar pattern, but once again Davies was the instigator of the equaliser, this time setting up Russell Coombs to coolly slot home.

The pressure started to build on West Dorset, but with Robin Goodfellow and Julian May in commanding form in the centre of defence, the hosts were finding it difficult to break them down.

Jim Bowditch was sent off close to the end as tensions rose but it looked like Hawks would hold out until a misplaced pass gave them the opportunity and their striker pounced to grab the winner.

| Southern Two | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| Chard | 15 | 37 |
| Plymouth Uni A | 15 | 37 |
| Penzance | 15 | 33 |
| Camborne School of Mines | 15 | 29 |
| Bude | 15 | 28 |
| WEST DORSET | 15 | 21 |
| Bridgwater A | 15 | 19 |

| | | |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Caradon | 15 | 17 |
| PGSOB A | 15 | 16 |
| ECV Hornets | 15 | 15 |
| Taunton Vale C | 15 | 7 |
| Devonport Services | 15 | 0 |

Hawks generosity punished

ECV Hornets B 4 West Dorset A 2

ON the face of it, losing to the bottom club who had recorded only one previous win all season was a disaster.

However, the Hawks put in a superb performance in the circumstances.

Skipper Alex Drew had agreed to reschedule this fixture for Sunday at the Hornets' request, when they were originally unable to raise a team.

However, it was the Hawks who struggled with numbers this time round and travelled with only eight players, three of whom, Rick Dormer, Lee Connolly and Alex Drew, had played for the first team at Bridgwater the previous day.

A glimmer of hope was met on arrival at the Hornets' nest, firstly when Rick Dormer volunteered his 12-year-old son Jack to play the burley striker role, and secondly with the hosts agreeing to field 10 men from the start.

The game was relatively even from the start, but the extra man inevitably tilted the balance in favour of the hosts.

The starting back four of Henry Middleton, Richard Wilson, Lee Connolly and Matt Caton put in a sterling performance against the progressive attack from the home team, but it was just a matter of time before goals started flowing for the Hornets.

Not much could be done to prevent the first goal conceded. A well-drilled ball into the D was delicately diverted past unsighted keeper Drew.

The second was a rifled into the bottom corner from a short corner routine that Drew probably should have kept out.

The second half started as the first finished, and it wasn't long before the host had a third; a well worked move down the Hawks' left side drew out all the visiting

team, leaving one lonely Hornet unmarked at the far post to tap in a well placed cross.

But then, the tables started to turn. Connolly's constant encouragement drove the Hawks forward as they started to make a game of it. Finally, the efforts of the middle musketeers of Bob Dormer, Ollie Gargrave and Rick Dormer were rewarded with a well-taken goal by the latter.

The offence continued to battle away and brought the hosts' previously dormant keeper firmly back to life.

A nasty looking knuckle injury to Middleton which saw him replaced by a late arrival did nothing to quell their efforts, but the revival was dealt a blow when the hosts scored their fourth, mirror imaging their first.

As the game drew to a close, the Hawks had the last hurrah. And what a hurrah it was. The finer details of the goal didn't matter, but who scored it did: none other than the young Jack Dormer to the delight of his teammates.

An excellent goal it was too, to cap off a great performance from an undoubted "one for the future".

The Hawks remain comfortably in mid table as they travel to Chard B this Saturday, hoping to get back to fielding a full team and picking up valuable points.

Skipper Drew said: "It was an excellent performance in the circumstances, and a superb debut from Jack Dormer."

Team: Alex Drew (Capt), Henry Middleton, Lee Connolly, Richard Wilson, Matt Caton, Ollie Gargrave, Rick Dormer, Bobby Dormer, Jack Dormer.

| South East Two | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Exeter University F | 13 | 36 |
| Tiverton | 12 | 34 |
| Chard A | 13 | 27 |
| Chard B | 11 | 21 |
| WEST DORSET A | 11 | 14 |
| East Devon C | 12 | 12 |
| Minehead B | 13 | 12 |
| Dart A | 13 | 10 |
| Taunton Vale D | 13 | 10 |
| ECV Hornets B | 13 | 6 |

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Golfers hampered by three-day wash out

THE wet and windy weather put a stop to most of the golf competitions that were due to take place last week.

The Bridport course is known to be free draining, but due to the wet conditions it was closed for three consecutive days and I don't recall that happening during the last 26 years of my membership!

The men fortunately did manage to hold their February Medal last Sunday and the 47 starters were no doubt relieved to get back on the course.

The lowest scores came from Division Two where Ian Thacker carded the best score of the day - a nett 66 - three clear of Mike Vincent's nett 69.

These were the only sub 70 nett scores of the day. Division One winner was George Brown with a nett 70, Russell Weller took the top spot in Division Three with a nett 71.

RESULTS

Division One: 1st George Brown 82-12=70, 2nd (acb) Pat Hart 83-

12=71, 3rd Marc Harwood 82-11=71. Lowest gross Lewis Craddock 79.

Division Two: 1st Ian Thacker 82-16=66, 2nd Mike Vincent 82-13=69, 3rd Tony Burt 86-16=70. **Division Three:** 1st Russell Weller 90-19=71, 2nd (acb) Terry Cleal 92-19=73, 4th Rob Smith 97-24=73.

Bridport youth Rugby

Bridport under 13s in form on the road

Sherborne U13 4 Bridport 12
BRIDPORT'S firepower in the first half proved too much for hosts Sherborne at the weekend writes Noel Gregory.

Keeping their shape in the backs and winning ball after ball in the loose, Oliver Hansford-Harvey, Tom Craven, Toby Pattemore and Inigo Boyle all scored inside the first 15 minutes.

Pattemore and Craven then crossed the line, with the loose ball being quickly played by Scrum half Joe Styron.

A fine break by Sherborne was replied with individual tries by number eight George Found and full back Toby Gale, and a final drive over by Will Newton took the half time score to 9-1.

To even up the game, four Sherborne players swapped sides and the second half became a real contest.

Ernest Chaney and Inigo Boyle, both in Sherborne shirts scored tries, but Bridport responded with scores by Newton, Found, and Craven, to give a final score of 12-4.

Bridport will find it much harder away at Honiton next Sunday.

Mixed time for U11s

Bridport U11s played two sides in a bitterly cold Northeasterly wind which whipped across the Brewery ground, and, despite frozen fingers, played some creditable

rugby.

The first game against Poole was won three tries to one. Try scorers were captain Abi Alner, leading from the front as ever, Player of the Day Daniel James and Henry Everitt.

The second game was a bit of a walk in the park for Sherborne with Bridport conceding eight tries, a score which would have been more embarrassing but for an immense defensive effort from Charlie Brake and a notable last ditch tackle from Barney Johnson.

No doubt the cold played its part, but there needs to be a serious tightening up of the defence before the U11s undoubted skills can flourish.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 13th.

Portman Handicap Cup - Round three

Monday, February 13th
Alleycats (37) v Bangers, Brandy Snaps (5) v Wick-ers.

Tuesday, February 14th
Unknowns v Strawpeedoes (3).

Wednesday, Feb 15th
LHS (22) v Nelson Nobblers.

Thursday, February 16th
Yo Yo's (27) v Miss The Ball, Featherbeds (40) v Rockets Rough Eight v Castouts (28), Slingers v Whisky Chasers (24).

Cup Winners Cup SF

Thursday, February 16th
ILCHESTER - Broadoak (5) v Nelson Nobblers.

Friday, February 17th
BRADPOLE CLUB - Originals v Aussies Lot (10).

Note: Would the winners of last season's league trophies please return them as soon as possible to the Lord Nelson.

| Division A | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Shipfaced | 12 | 23 |
| Rockets | 12 | 16 |
| Denhay | 12 | 14 |
| Rejects | 12 | 14 |
| Nelson Nobblers | 11 | 12 |
| Wanderers | 11 | 12 |
| Masters | 10 | 11 |
| Broadoak | 12 | 8 |
| Rough Eight | 12 | 8 |
| Slingers | 12 | 8 |
| U Know the Blokes | 11 | 8 |
| Lively Lads | 11 | 4 |

| Division B | Pld | Pts |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| The Dingles | 11 | 17 |
| Miss the Ball | 11 | 16 |
| Outsiders | 10 | 13 |
| Survivors | 11 | 12 |
| Bangers | 11 | 10 |
| Countrymen | 11 | 10 |
| Lost in Time | 10 | 10 |
| Originals | 10 | 10 |
| Castouts | 10 | 6 |
| Dingbats | 7 | 6 |
| Aussies Lot | 10 | 2 |

| Division C | Pld | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Gerryatics | 12 | 22 |
| LHS | 12 | 18 |
| NBC | 12 | 18 |
| Pioneers | 12 | 16 |
| Wickers | 12 | 16 |
| Unknowns | 12 | 12 |
| Whiskey Chasers | 11 | 10 |
| Brandy Snaps | 11 | 8 |
| Stingers | 12 | 7 |
| Yo Yo's | 12 | 7 |
| Groundhogs | 11 | 6 |

| Division D | Pld | Pts |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| Alcoholics | 12 | 24 |
| Strawpeedoes | 12 | 20 |
| BFC | 12 | 18 |
| Alleycats | 12 | 16 |
| Featherbeds | 11 | 14 |
| Let em Roll | 10 | 10 |
| Firebirds | 10 | 8 |
| Hidden Talent | 10 | 8 |
| Offcuts | 11 | 6 |
| Pinbashers | 10 | 6 |

Lyme Regis Pool

| Table | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Pot Nots | 11 | 27 |
| Wozo's Warriors | 9 | 24 |
| Smack the Rack | 11 | 22 |
| Hunters Hot Pots | 10 | 19 |
| Old Cobbies | 11 | 13 |
| Drunken Sailors | 10 | 13 |
| Nags Head Trotters | 10 | 12 |
| Real Talbot | 11 | 6 |
| Ranger & Friends | 9 | 0 |

Lyme Regis darts

| Current table | Pld | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Nags Head A | 10 | 20 |
| Rousdon Club | 10 | 20 |
| Clockadoodleoo | 12 | 16 |
| Nags Z | 12 | 15 |
| Rock Point A | 10 | 14 |
| Royal Standard | 12 | 12 |
| Hunters Lodge | 10 | 10 |
| Four Play | 10 | 8 |
| Talbot Arms | 10 | 8 |
| Cobb Arms | 9 | 4 |
| Janners | 10 | 4 |
| Half an Octopus | 11 | 3 |

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Laird: Light at the end of the tunnel

DESPITE overseeing his fourth defeat in the four games he has been in charge, Dorchester Town manager Craig Laird believes that a change of fortunes is on the cards.

The new county town boss said from the outset that it would take time to turn things around, and that the first thing to do was to add to the thin squad he inherited.

This has been difficult because of financial restrictions, but last week he welcomed back Ollie Bassett for his third loan spell from Yeovil Town as well as signing Jordan Williams on loan from Weston-super-Mare, making five in total so far.

He said: "I can see light at the end of the tunnel, and by the end of this week we may have

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another one or two players coming in, and hopefully that will turn the corner for us."

Whilst delighted with the electric start against Merthyr Town he has his feet firmly on the ground: "Scoring straight from the kick off was a nice way to start the game, but you could see why they [Merthyr] are where they are.

"They've got good experienced players, some who have played at a higher level, and we are a young side trying to gain that experience.

"We lacked pace and purpose which is something I am hoping to resolve in the next couple of

weeks. I am giving the players an opportunity to grab a place; some are taking it, others not.

"Playing the top two teams like we have, they expose all of your weaknesses and it's glaringly obvious that we are struggling. There are areas where we can improve, and that's my job."

He added: "We went out with a good, positive attitude and wanted to take the game to them. We tried to get the ball wide because of the state of the pitch, and play with tempo.

"Merthyr have been together three or four seasons, and we want to be where they are, but first we have to secure our positions in the league, and then build on that."

Laird was pleased with his new signings, particularly 19-

year-old Jordan Williams saying: "He's young, quick and a big lad with pace who is still to fill out, he's got good delivery on the ball.

"If we could keep him for a year or two what a good player we would have, getting another two or three like him, which we are endeavouring to do, and with the philosophy I'm looking to instil, we could have a good side."

The county town boss was also full of praise for John Vance who joined from Gillingham Town.

"He's such an underrated player. He's comfortable on the ball, got a good range of passing and can take some of the pressure off the younger players."



◆ **BATTLING:** Jon Vance put in a Man-of-the-Match performance in the 2-1 defeat against promotion-chasing Merthyr Town on Saturday. Photo by PHIL STANDFIELD

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